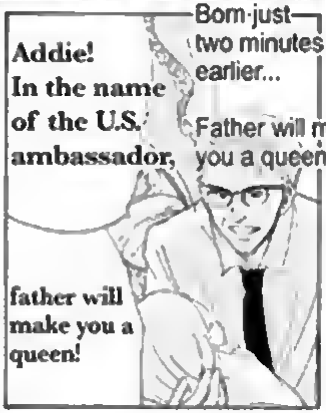
愛を捨てたシーク

ケイト・ウォーカー
岡本香子

Adina, the first born was betrothed to the Crown Prince of Bha'Khar.


Addie! In the name of the U.S. ambassador,
father will make you a queen!
Born just two minutes earlier...
Father will make you a queen.

More than 20 years has passed since...

to face Sheikh Malik Hourani!

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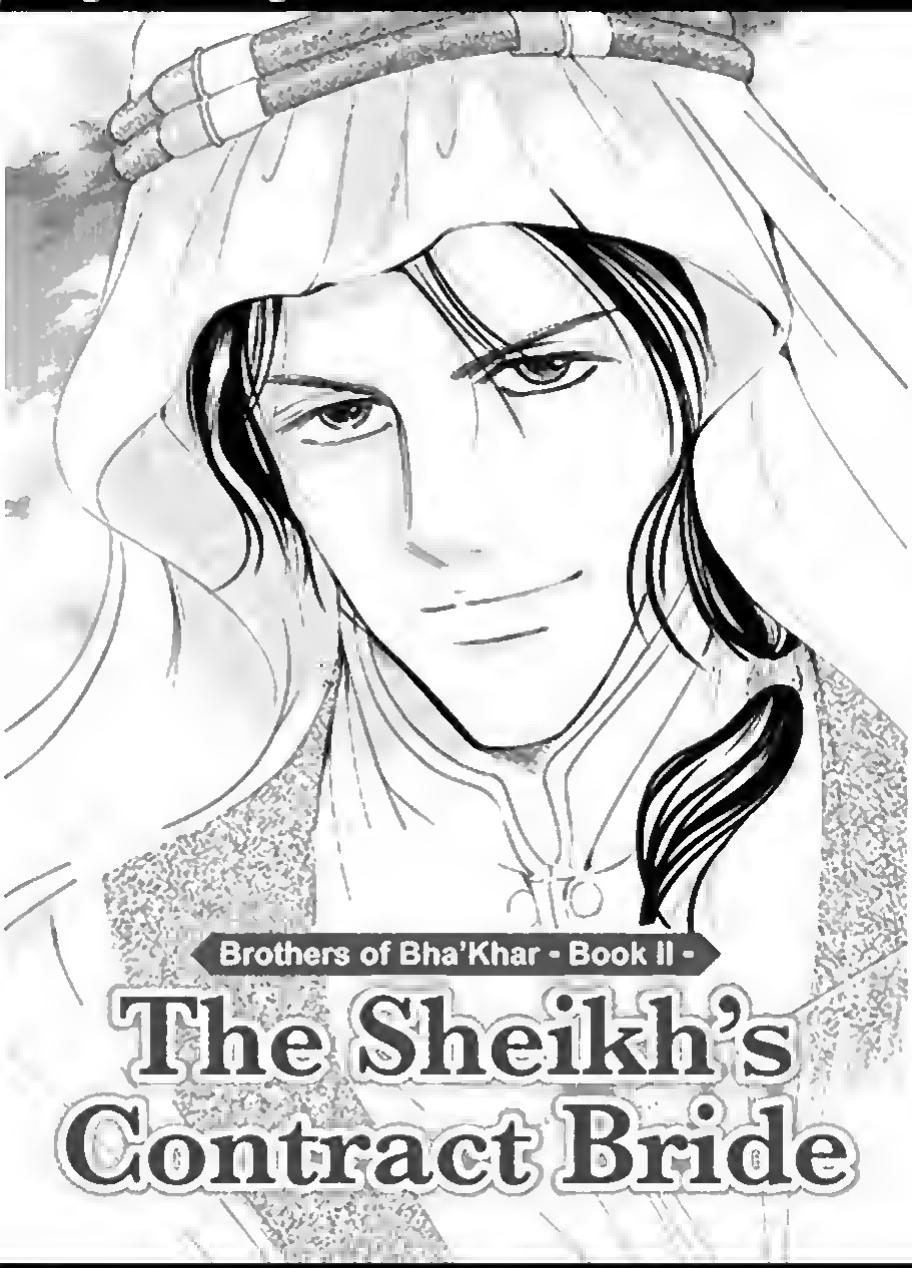
And I came to Bha'Khar...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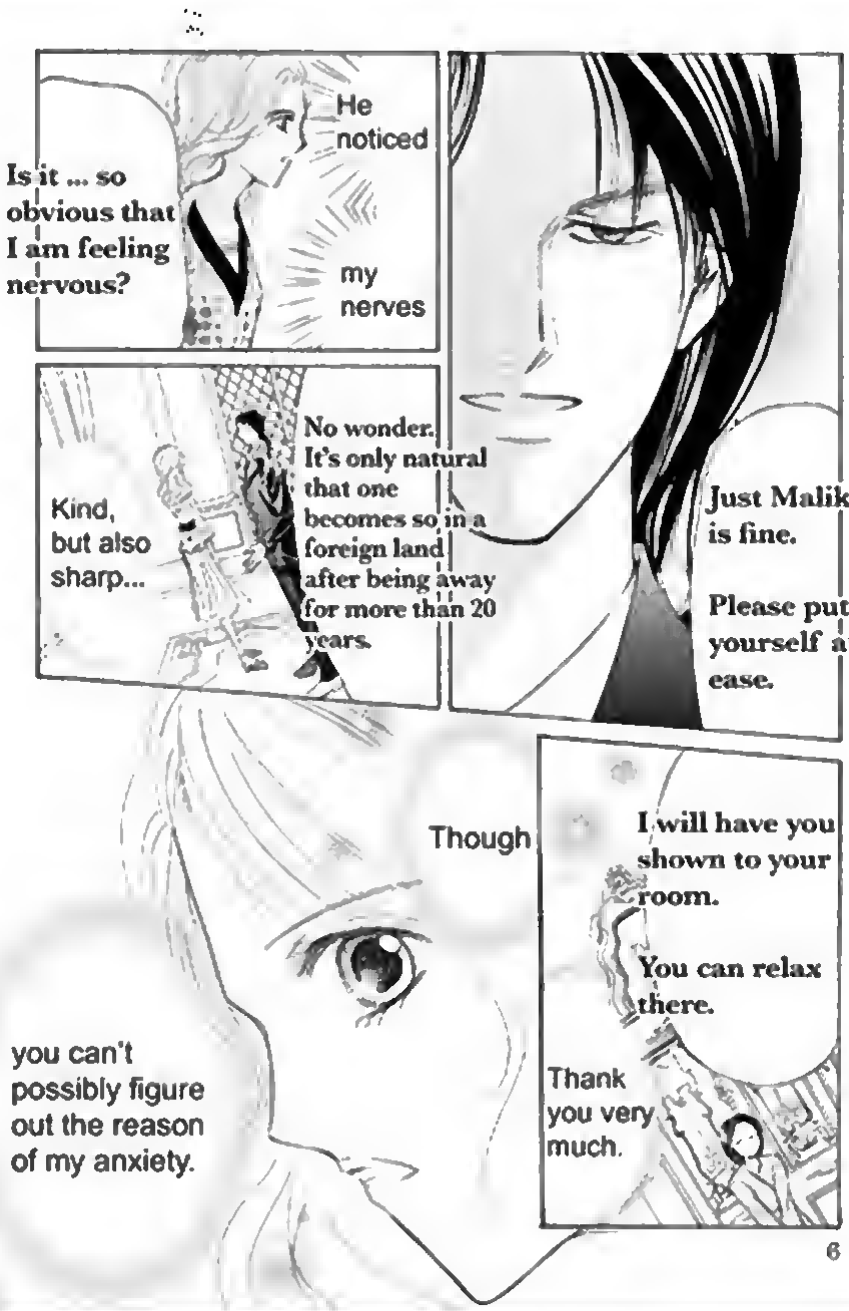
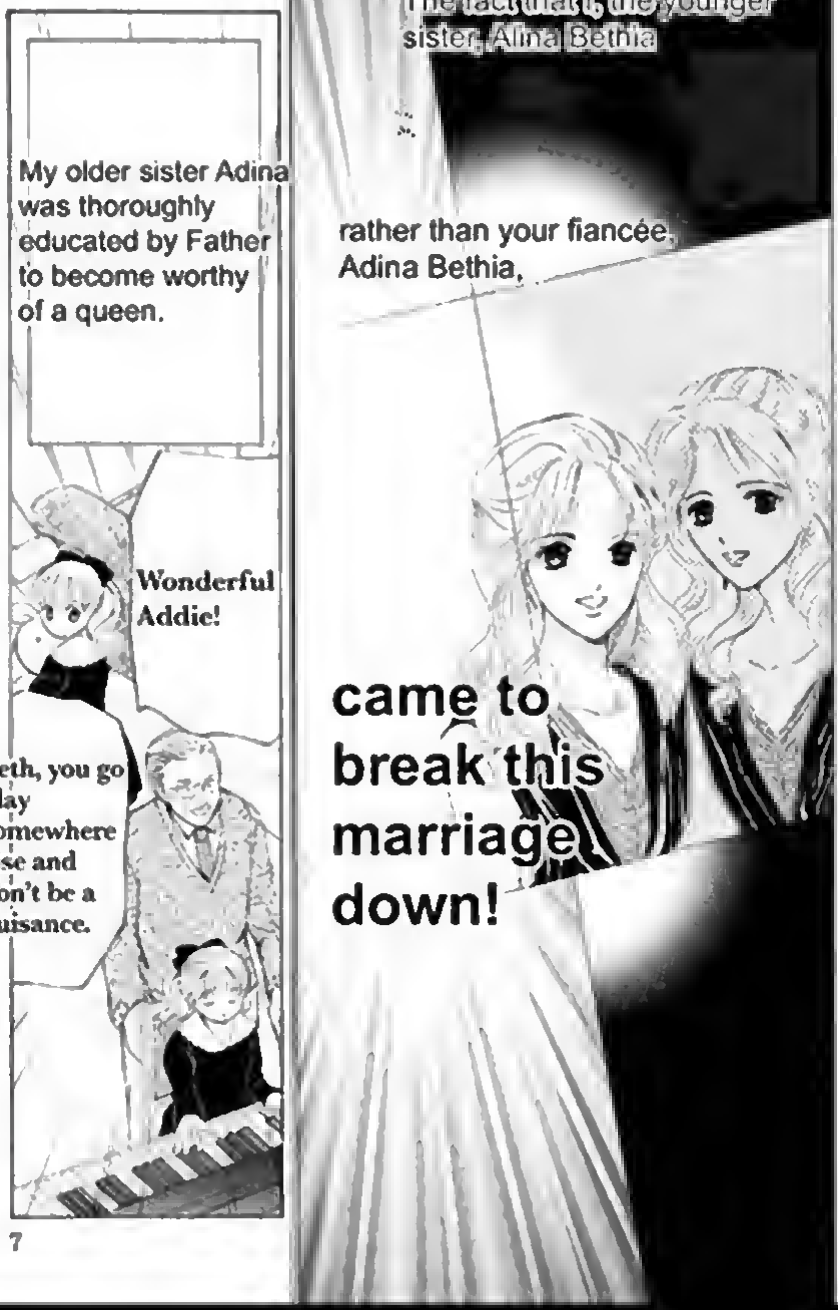
The Sheikh's Contract Bride

Welcome to Bha'Khar, Adina.
The crown prince, Malik!
Surprising.
He's more handsome than in the picture
and seems more modern.

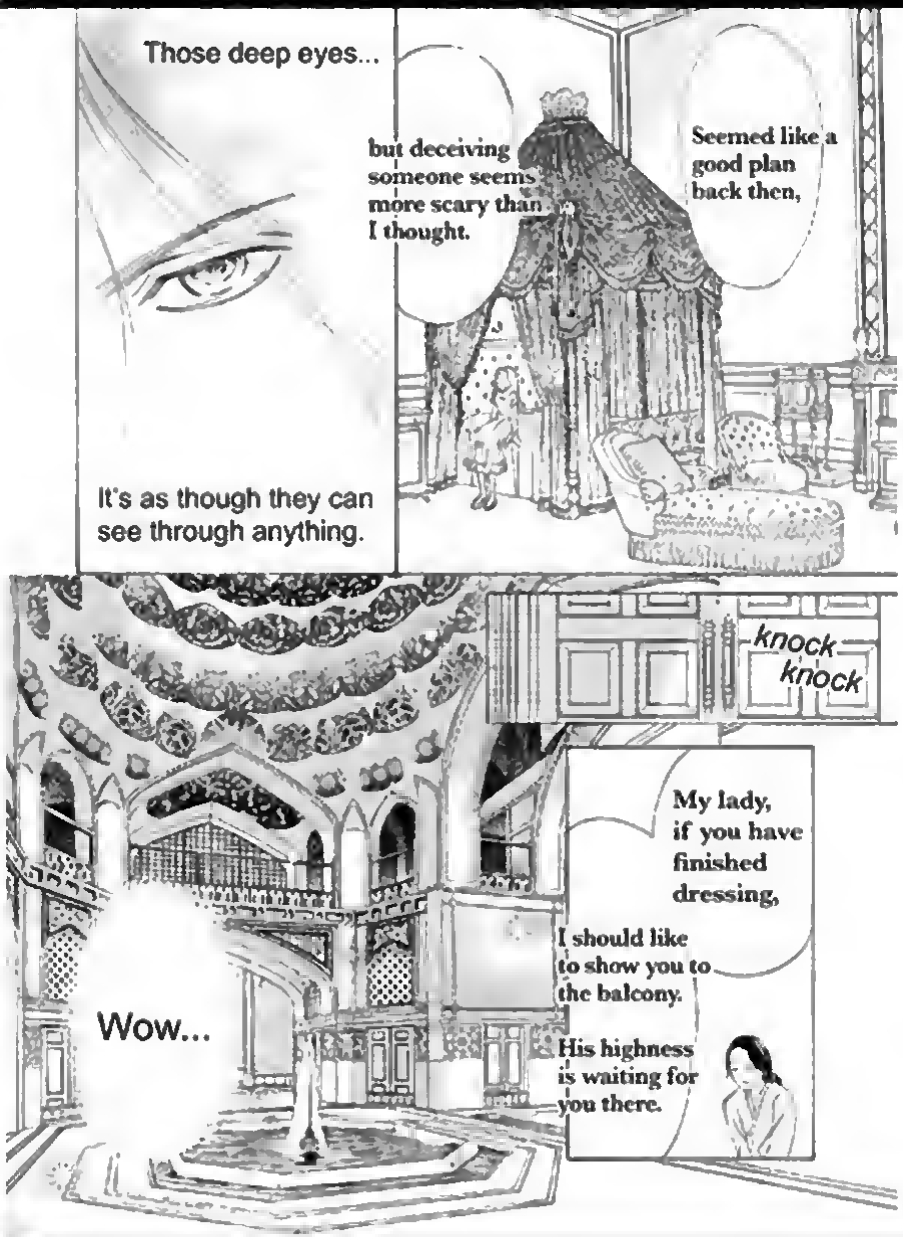
I can't keep my legs from shaking...
I thought I was ready for this, bul...
His noble dignity is overwhelming.
I regret not being able to greet my fiancée when she arrived, Adina.
Also, could you please call me Beth?
That's all right.
I know you have business to do.
Everyone called me by that name to distinguish me from my identical twin, Alina.
My middle name is Bethia.
Deep and resonant voice...
Malik, your highness...
Alright.
Than that is what I shall call you.
Beth.

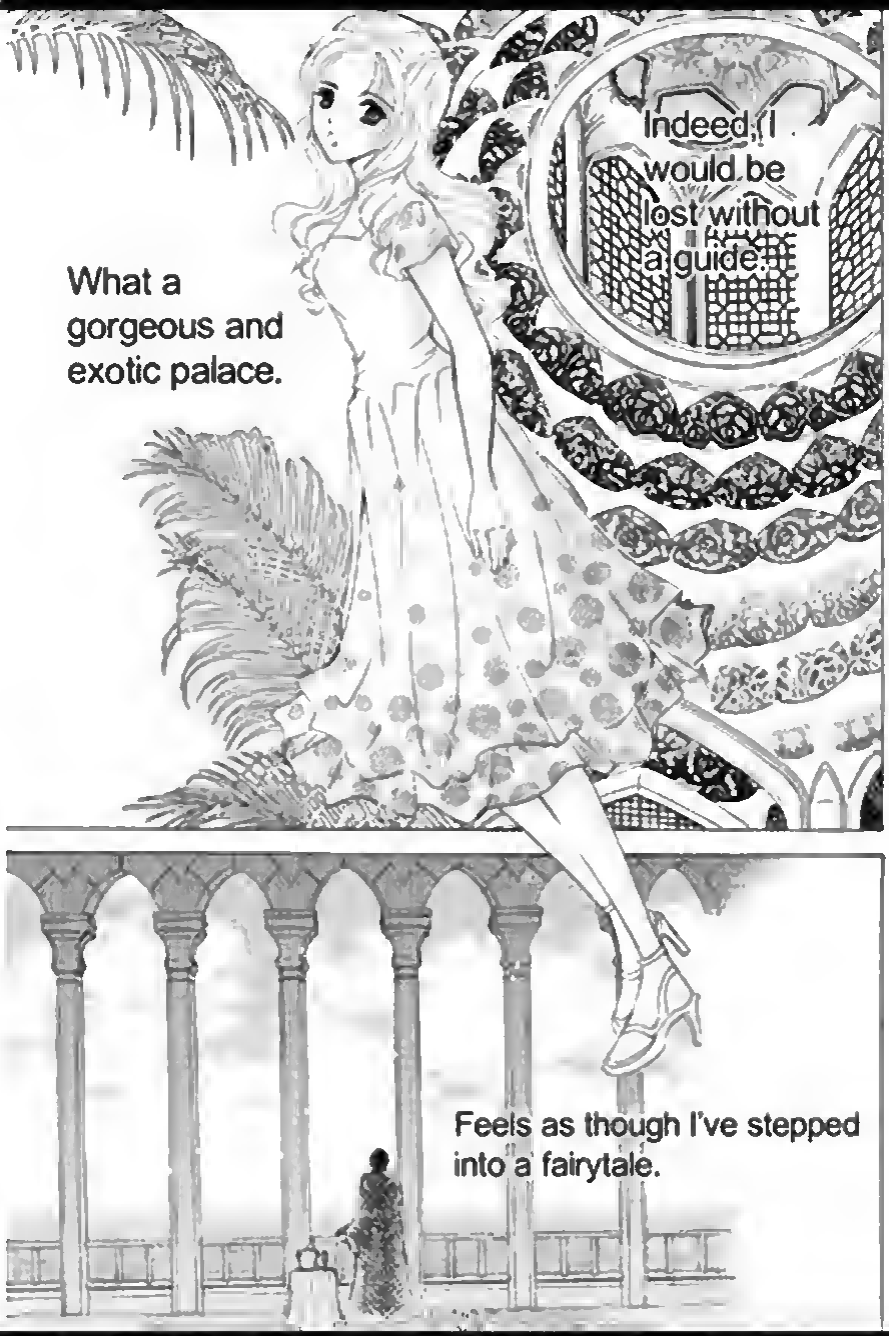

Is it ... so obvious that I am feeling nervous?
He noticed my nerves
Kind, but also sharp...
No wonder. It's only natural that one becomes so in a foreign land after being away for more than 20 years.
Just Malik is fine.
Please put yourself at ease.
Though you can't possibly figure out the reason of my anxiety.
I will have you shown to your room.
You can relax there.
Thank you very much.


My older sister Adina was thoroughly educated by Father to become worthy of a queen.
Wonderful Addie!
Beth, you go play somewhere else and don't be a nuisance.
The fact that I, the younger sister, Alina Bethia
rather than your fiancée, Adina Bethia,
came to break this marriage down!

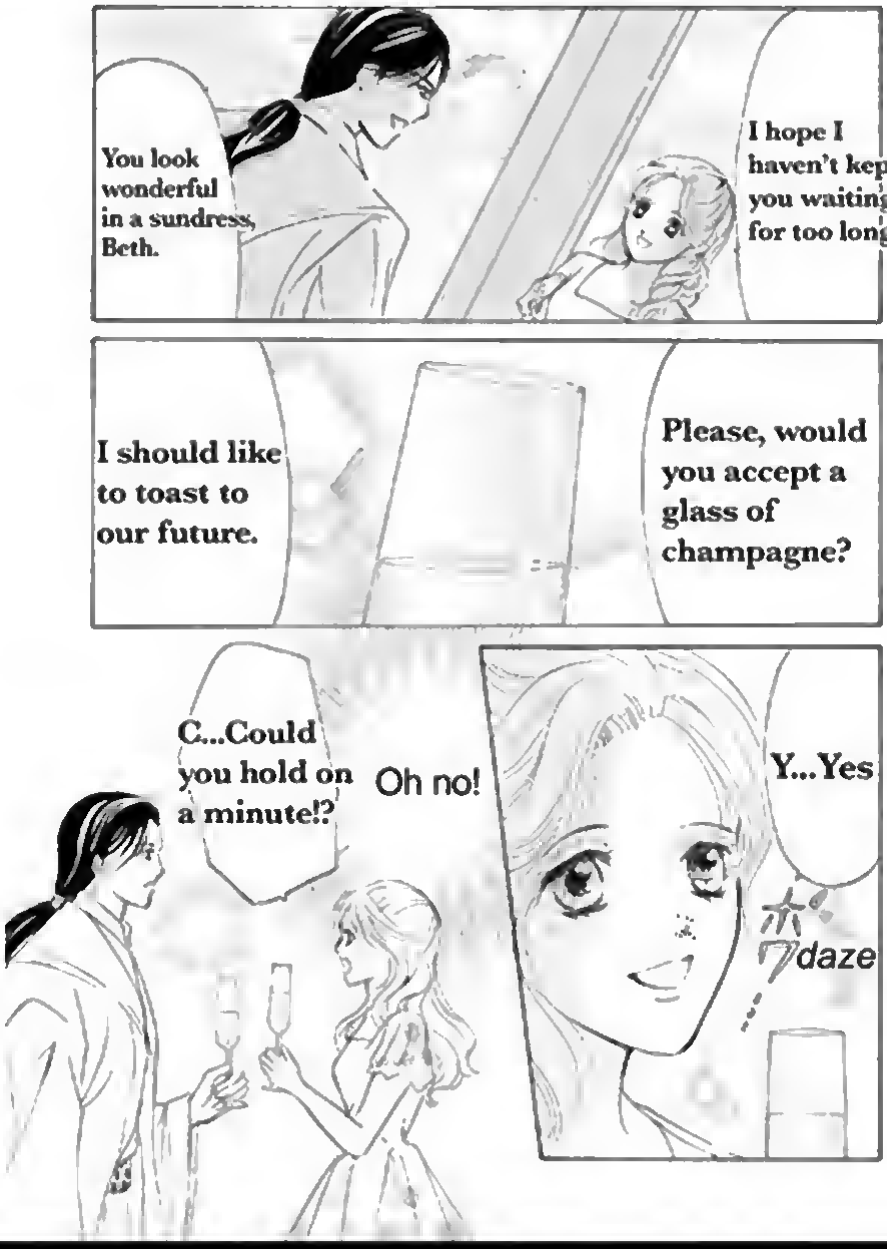
Despite my young age, I was aware that Father desired the high rank and honor he would gain as the sheikh's father -in-law.
much more then Addie's happiness.
Beth... I have to tell you. I fell in love with someone and I'm dating him.
But half a month ago...
Really! Good for you!
I will become a great queen Father!
That was alright if Addie was fine with it.
He seems to want to proceed with our wedding in one stretch.
What should I do?
Isn't it a good chance to turn him down?
requesting me to attend his younger brother's wedding!
It's not good at all!
My fiance, Malik, sent for me...

How can I be the one to turn him down?
I will be a disgrace to Father.
Understandable... Addie is different from me.
She's too timid to go against Father...
Well then,
how about having him turn you down?
So that's how I came to this kingdom
disguised as Addie.


Those deep eyes...
It's as though they can see through anything.
but deceiving someone seems more scary than I thought.
Seemed like a good plan back then,
knock knock
My lady, if you have finished dressing,
I should like to show you to the balcony.
His highness is waiting for you there.
Wow...


What a gorgeous and exotic palace.
Indeed, I would be lost without a guide.
Feels as though I've stepped into a fairytale.

and here
he stands
the prince of a
foreign kingdom.


You look wonderful in a sundress, Beth.
I hope I haven't kept you waiting for too long.
I should like to toast to our future.
Please, would you accept a glass of champagne?
C...Could you hold on a minute!?
Oh no!
Y...Yes
7daze

By "future", do you mean the marriage?
Why, of course... That is the purpose of your visit, is it not?
I heard that you earned a master's degree at the Wharton School in the U.S.
clink
Malik...
Have you never questioned such an old tradition as marrying someone chosen by one's parents?
Well then, I'd like to ask a man with a global outlook and intelligence about his views on marriage.
Indeed.
I enjoyed my life at the university.

American ladies are honest and open... I believe this to be appealing.
I suppose I should also be honest in my answer.
The current sultan, my father, is seeking to step down.
In order for me to be the successor, I must be wed and settled down.
My wife and I must give birth to the heir to the throne and commit ourselves to our people by ruling the country.
I must have a partner in carrying out these obligations.

are you fine with someone else choosing her for you, as if choosing neckties or shoes?
If the queen is to play such an important role,
What if we don't get along?
But you are the one who will be marrying and living with her.
I believe that having a third person choose the right person is an advantage.
Beth!!
What if I turn out to be a heavy snorer?
Maybe our senses of humor don't match.

You are clearly hesitant to go through with this wedding.
Am I correct?
glare
Eyes of an intimidating ruler...
glump

I can't manage losing
for the sake of Addie
Exactly!
I came all the way to see and persuade you
to drop the whole wedding agreement.

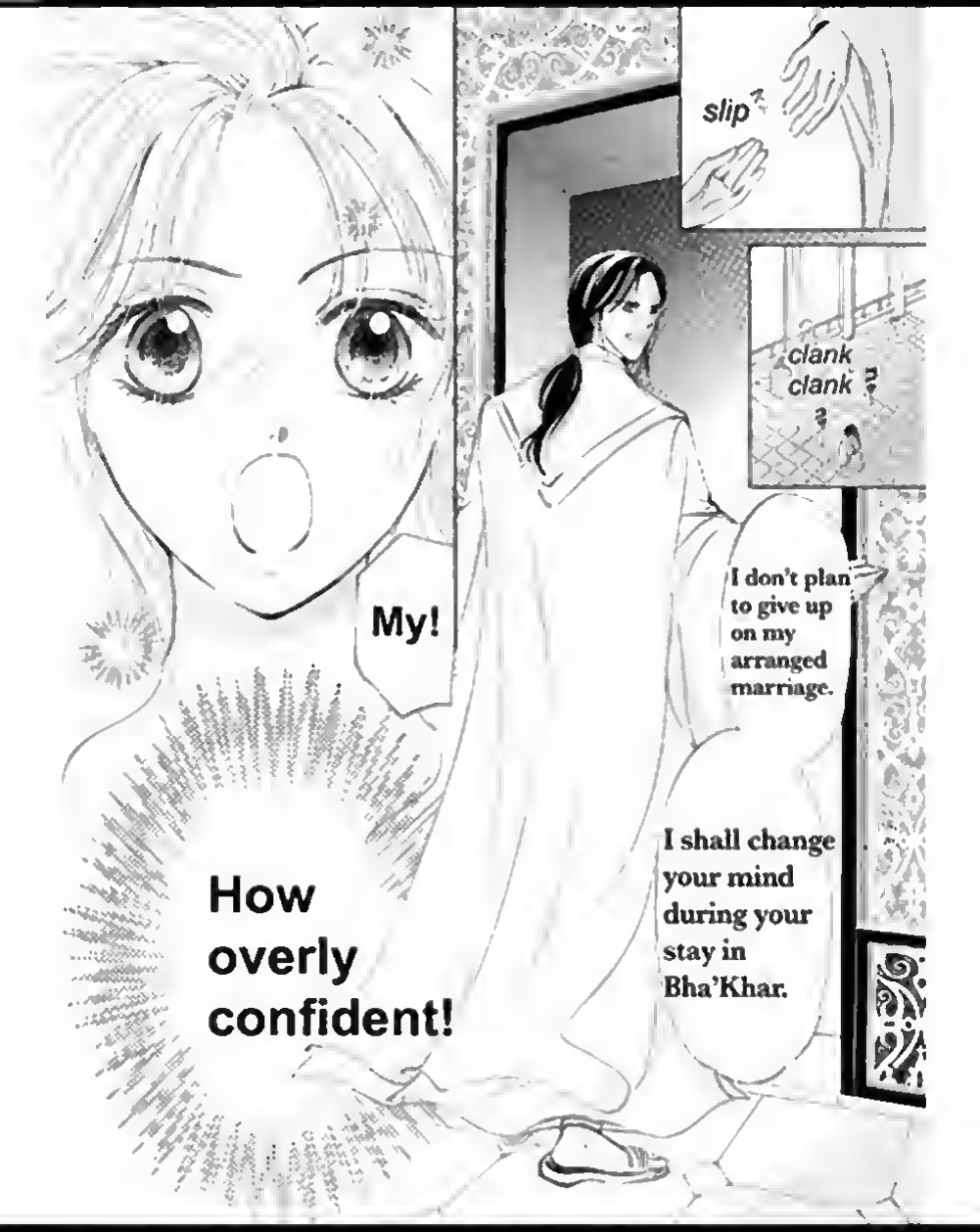
You are... after all, to become the ruler of this country. You should keep your right to choose your own wife.
Traditional ways could be better at times...
You must be discontent that you cannot marry based on love.
Oh. That's not it.

I wonder what is on her mind...
Love isn't as good as people say, you know.
Even money won't persuade me to love someone.
In the pictures, my fiancée looked beautiful.
An educated lady with a good family background...
...and obedient.
But the Beth standing in front of my eyes?

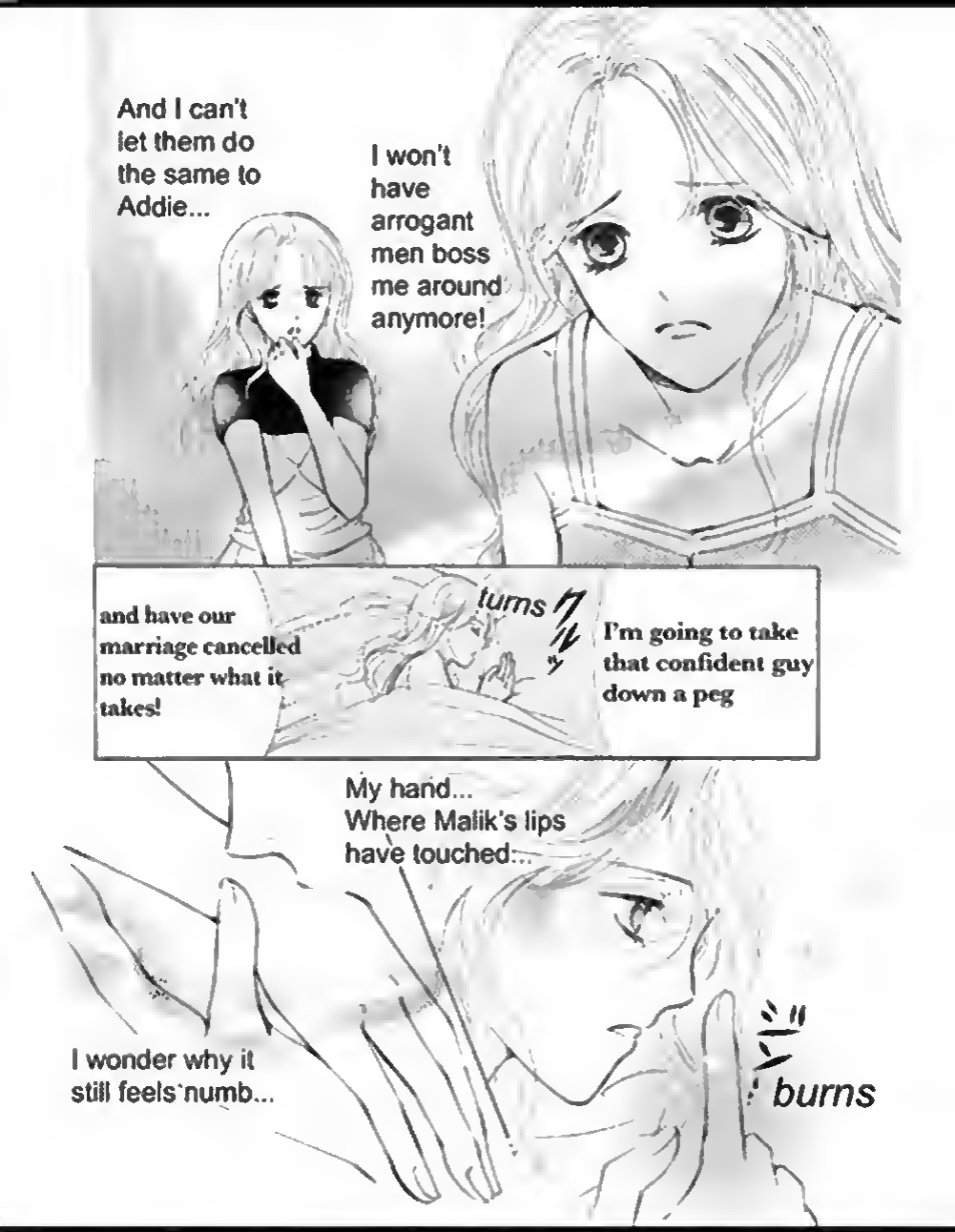
You say love isn't as good as people say...
Interesting!
Her lips show strength and frames arguments against me without hesitation.
Eyes burning with spirit.
I agree with that part of your argument.
I feel that we will get along quite well, Beth.
nears
It is very important that opinions converge between husband and wife.

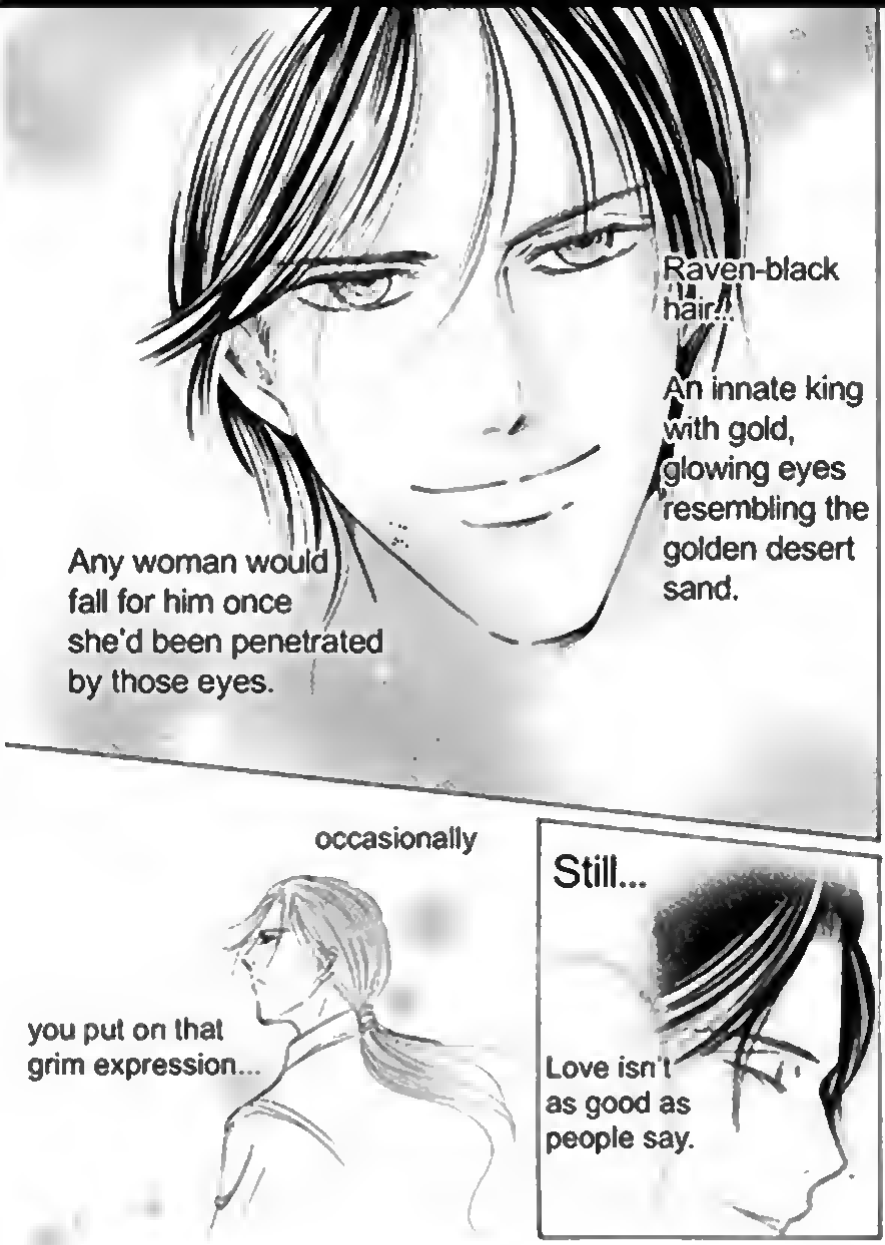
I would figure that you are trying to turn me off if I were a short-tempered man.
oops
Don't conclude that we will get along just because of one agreement!
Malik!
...You are such a worrier despite your high-spirit.
Is it not too early to conclude what kind of a person I am?
sound of waves
As I have little knowledge of you, you also know little of me.
I should be very much obliged, if you could give me a chance
to prove myself as a truly worthy future husband for you.

Holds out hand
What!?


slip
clank
clank
I don't plan to give up on my arranged marriage.
I shall change your mind during your stay in Bha'Khar.
My!
How overly confident!

and my ex-boyfriend...
Beth! You are becoming a teacher!?
Father was the same
I've had enough of you! Do as you please!
Slam!
Jeez!
This is why I hate powerful men!
Though, it's with someone else.
Beth... I've decided to get married.
Slam!
Oh God!
Just Remembering him makes me angry!
I hope you understand
Her father has even more power than your father does.


And I can't let them do the same to Addie...
I won't have arrogant men boss me around anymore!
and have our marriage cancelled no matter what it takes!
turns
I'm going to take that confident guy down a peg
My hand... Where Malik's lips have touched...
I wonder why it still feels numb...
burns


Raven-black hair...
An innate king with gold, glowing eyes resembling the golden desert sand.
Any woman would fall for him once she'd been penetrated by those eyes.
occasionally
you put on that grim expression...
Still...
Love isn't as good as people say.

Good morning Beth. I hope you slept well.
I did...
I hear your skills are high enough to participate in a competition.
Let's go horse-back riding today.
What!?
This isn't good!
I had a mare bought for you.
And I am supposed to have come to deceive him...
Weird...
My mind is full of Malik...
He is Addie's fiancé

I... I injured my knees.
It didn't seem like that yesterday...?
Um... Actually...
but the only horse I've ever rode is one from a carousel.
Tha royal family loves horseback riding so Addie received riding lessons,
Is that so? That's too bad... I hope you recover quickly.
I have no problems just walking around, but I can't possibly ride a horse.
What... should I do?
We shall go riding as soon as you recover.

Well then. Let us change our plans. I will show you around.
Around!? By the crown prince himself!?
SALE

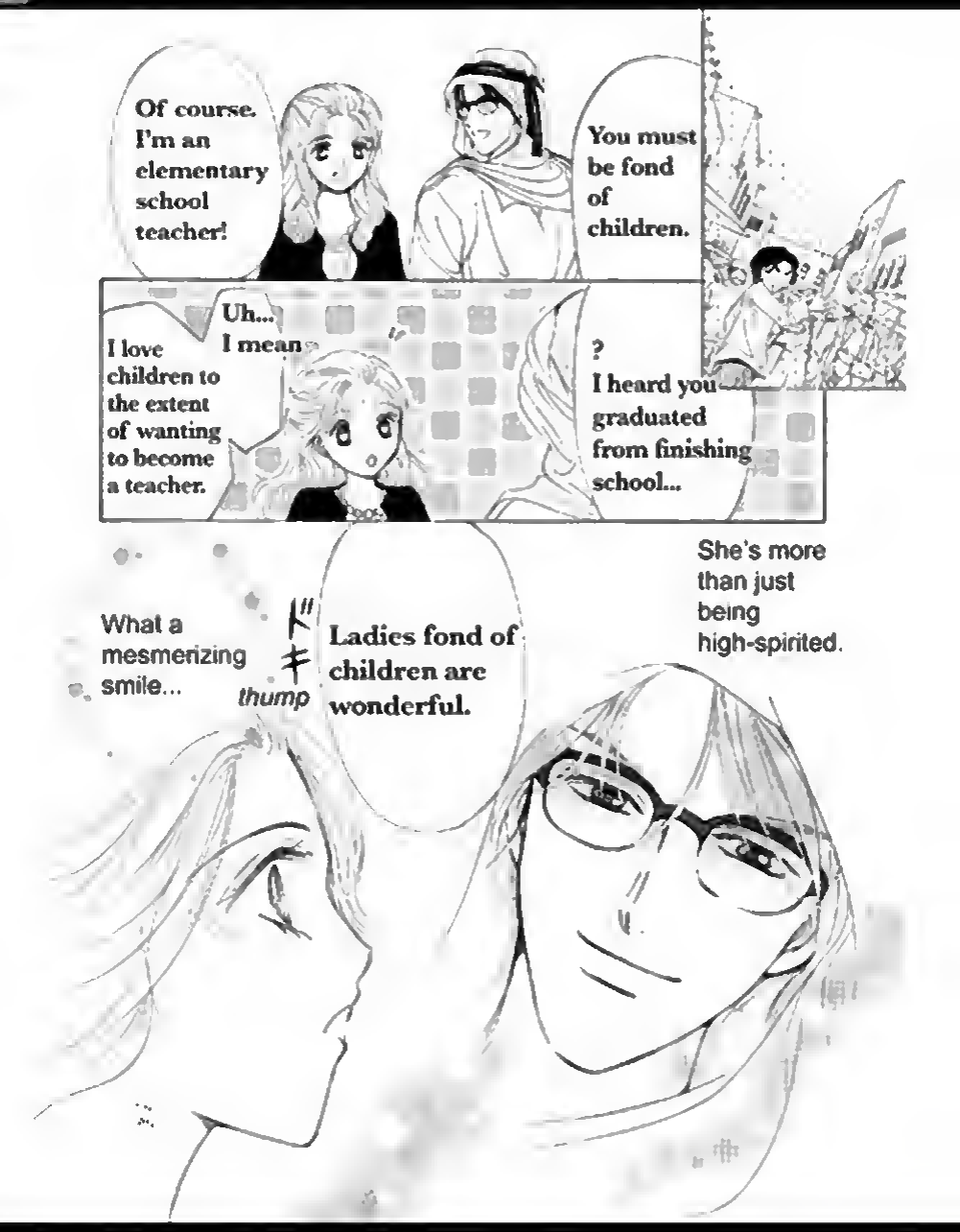
I've sent an email to Addie.
Please hurry over to Bha'Khar! We need to switch as quickly as possible!
before it gets too late...
He's more playful than I thought.
No one would figure out who I am in this outfit. Would they?
I hope we manage to switch
We're also famous for our jewelry and rugs.
Bha'Khar's renowned goldwork
This is the largest shopping mall in the country. Brands from all over the world have opened a store here.

Bha'Khar must be a wealthy kingdom.
phew
What are they?
Oil mines?
Diamond mines?
sounds of many people
Don't get me wrong. These are far from being my country's treasures.
I'll show you the true treasures.
Either way, trying to lure a girl with wealth is such a typical strategy for a dominant male.

Western, traditional... I see that people are dressed in various ways.
They must enjoy being free.
Great!
So many unique food and fruits!
Such a lively souk!
This is the treasure of my kingdom.
I'm glad you understand.
People's smiles.

Delicious!
Shawarma is a specialty here.
Chicken and vegetables are wrapped in a khubz.
Oh, dear!
A friendly crown prince caring for his people.
But... You never know what a man truly turns out to be.
It has become my hobby to go incognito from time to time to eat this.

Huh!?
You must be on a honeymoon!
Thank you.
Are you a foreigner?
Are you alright?
Yes we are, my boy.
Um... The delicious shawarma, and the fish...
What would you say, is the pride of this country?
our great sultan,
our kind queen,
that beautiful palace
and our sincere sheikh are our pride!

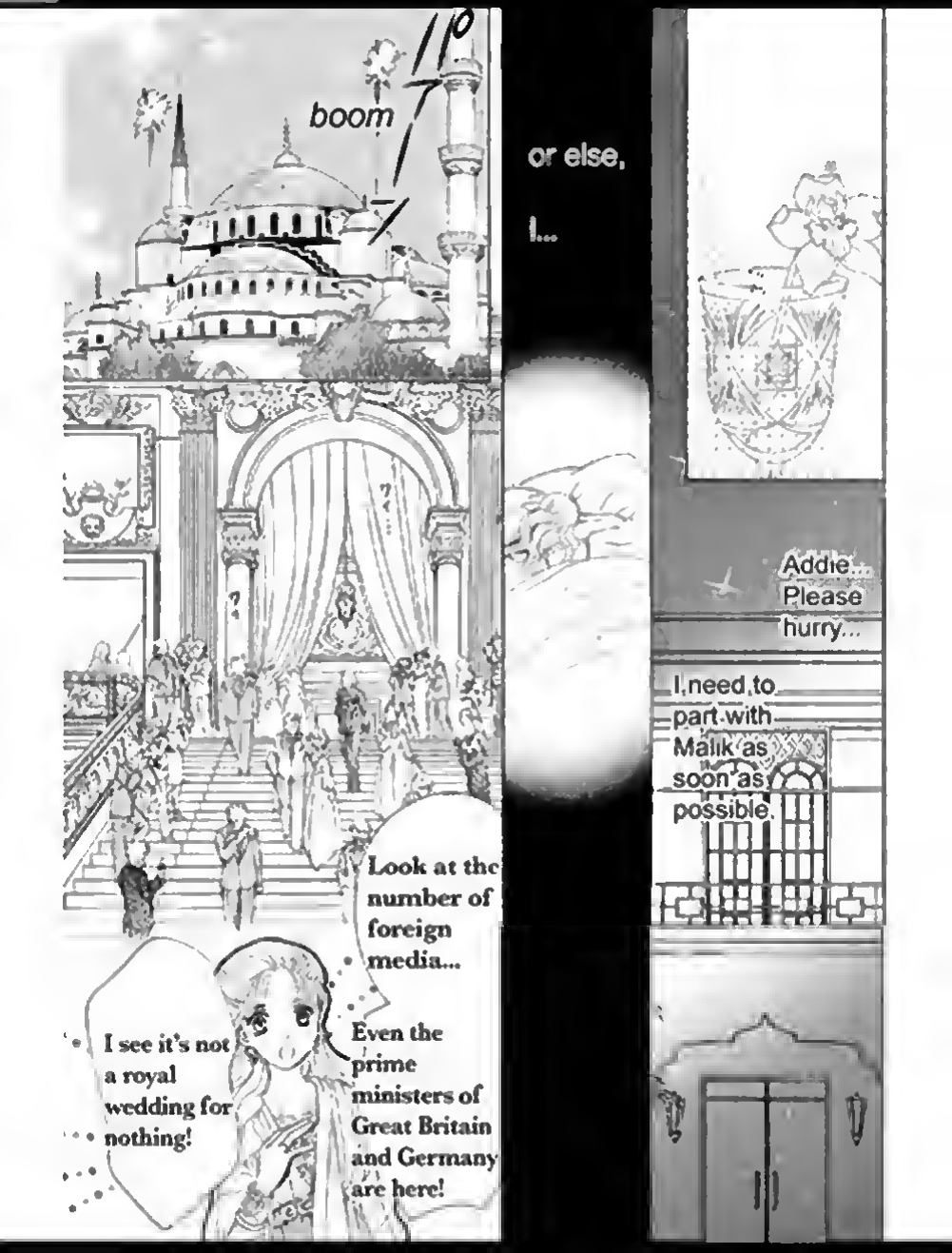

Of course. I'm an elementary school teacher!
You must be fond of children.
Uh... I mean
I love children to the extent of wanting to become a teacher.
? I heard you graduated from finishing school...
She's more than just being high-spirited.
What a mesmerizing smile...
thump
Ladies fond of children are wonderful.

What a girl...!
I can't look Malik in the eye.
If you want an heir, you can give birth to one.
Women are not child-bearing machines.
Beth!
don't assume that I'm a domestic type!
Just because I like children
I feel myself weakening....
Oh... excuse me. I took you for someone else.
?
That... Woman
M... Mother!

She would have aged a lot more than the old picture.
Silly me...
I was told that Mother left us two for a new lover when we were still young.
No...
One of the reasons for coming to Bha'Khar is to look for her and yell...
I recall Beth's mother being from a traditional background...
You didn't see your mother after her divorce?
right to her face.
"How could you, Mom!"

You are an honest person.
Well then. I shall lend a hand in your hunt for your mother. You can rely on me for anything in this country.
Is it... such an easy task!?
I can't tell myself.
...though, it may be that I just want to see her.
I will find her before this flower withers.
You seem to be negative about authority, but I'll show you that there are times when it is useful.

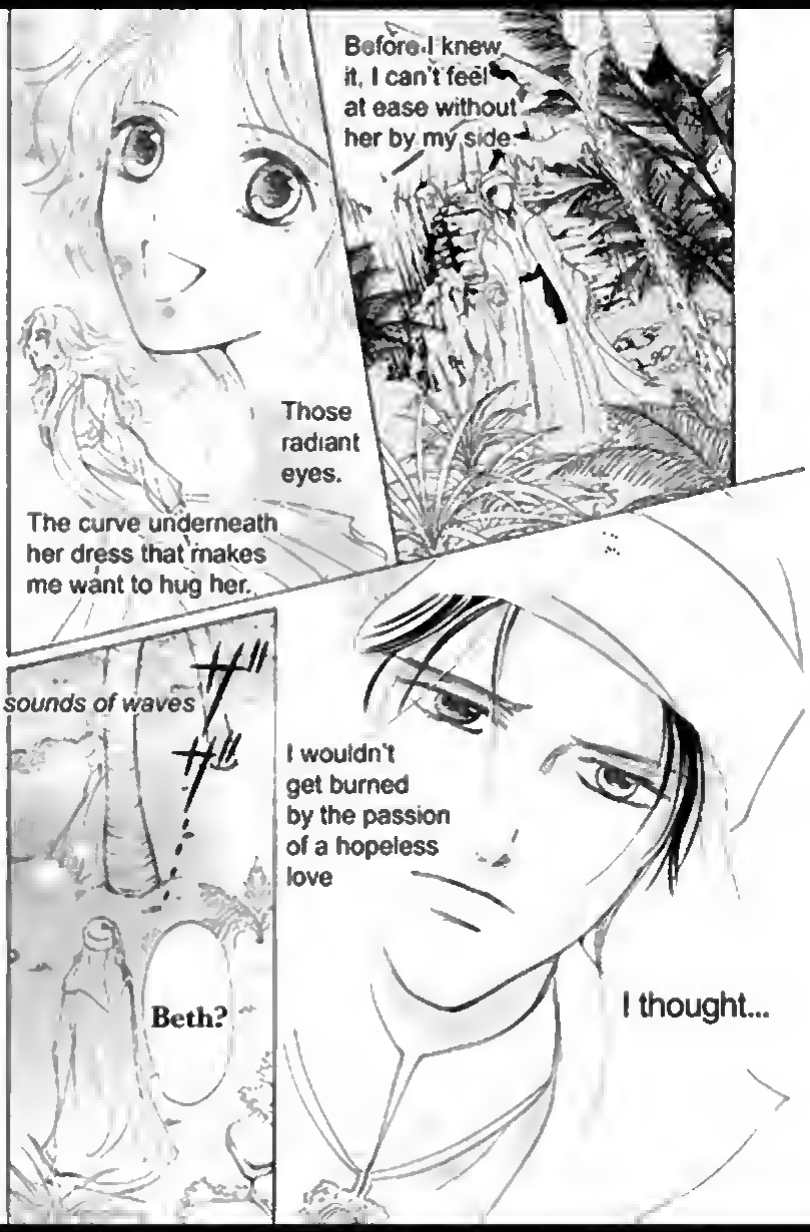
It's the national flower of Bha'Khar.
People call this Polaris; the navigator for caravans crossing the desert.
slip
It suits you well...

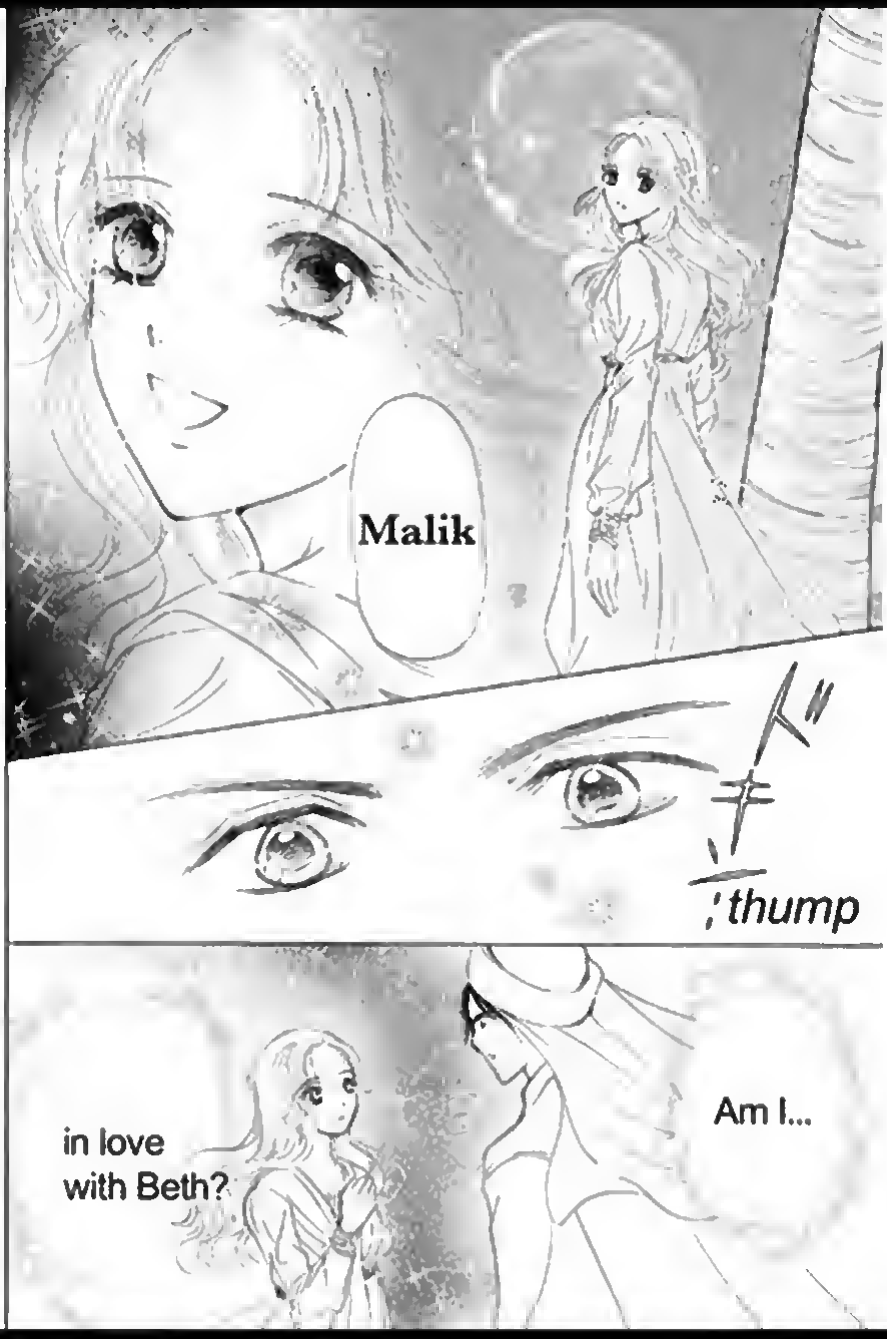

boom
Look at the number of foreign media...
Even the prime ministers of Great Britain and Germany are here!
I see it's not a royal wedding for nothing!
or else, I...
Addie... Please hurry...
I need to part with Malik as soon as possible.

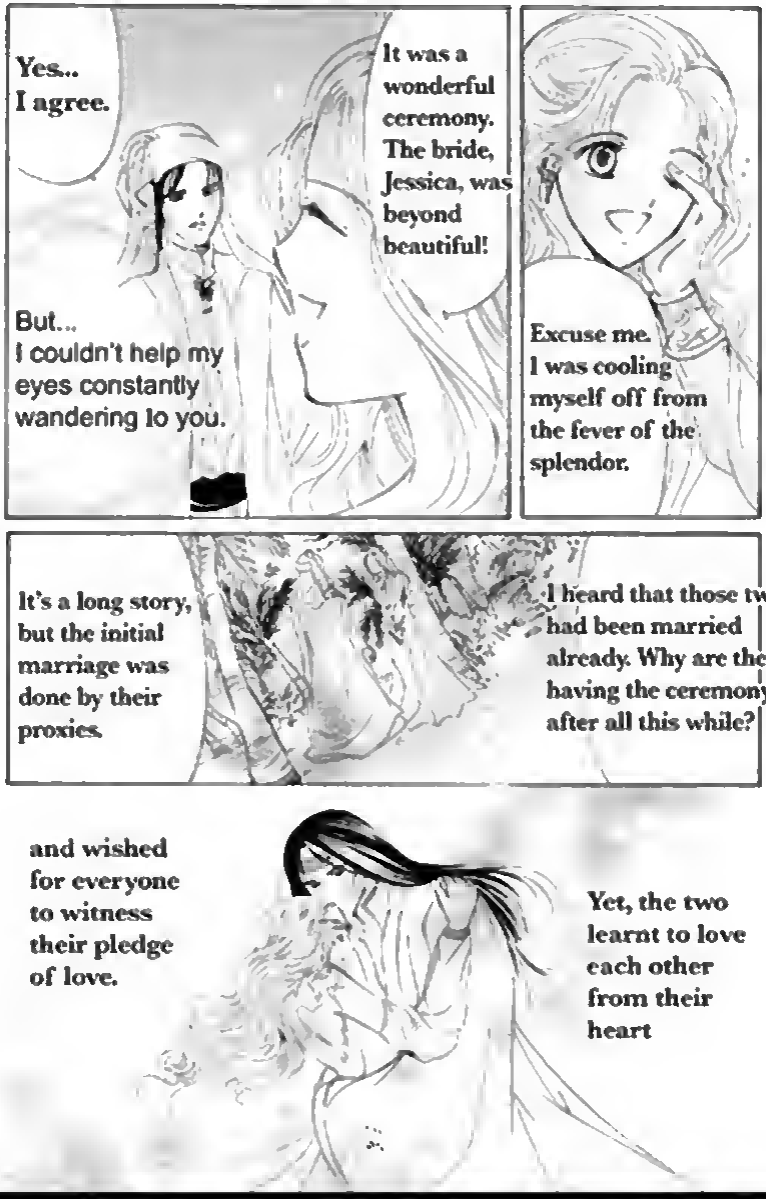
Today is the wedding day of Kardahl, Malik's younger brother and Jessica.
I attended the ceremony as the fiancée of the crown prince.
Malik was the witness for the marriage, wearing a tuxedo with a splendid traditional tie.
and their Majesties were beaming with a smile
The dress Malik ordered for me from Paris fits me perfectly.
He even lent me her majesties jewelry collection.
Still...

The ones that were the most glowing in happiness
were of course the bride and the bridegroom.
one could almost see love overflowing and scattering all over.
A passionate kiss

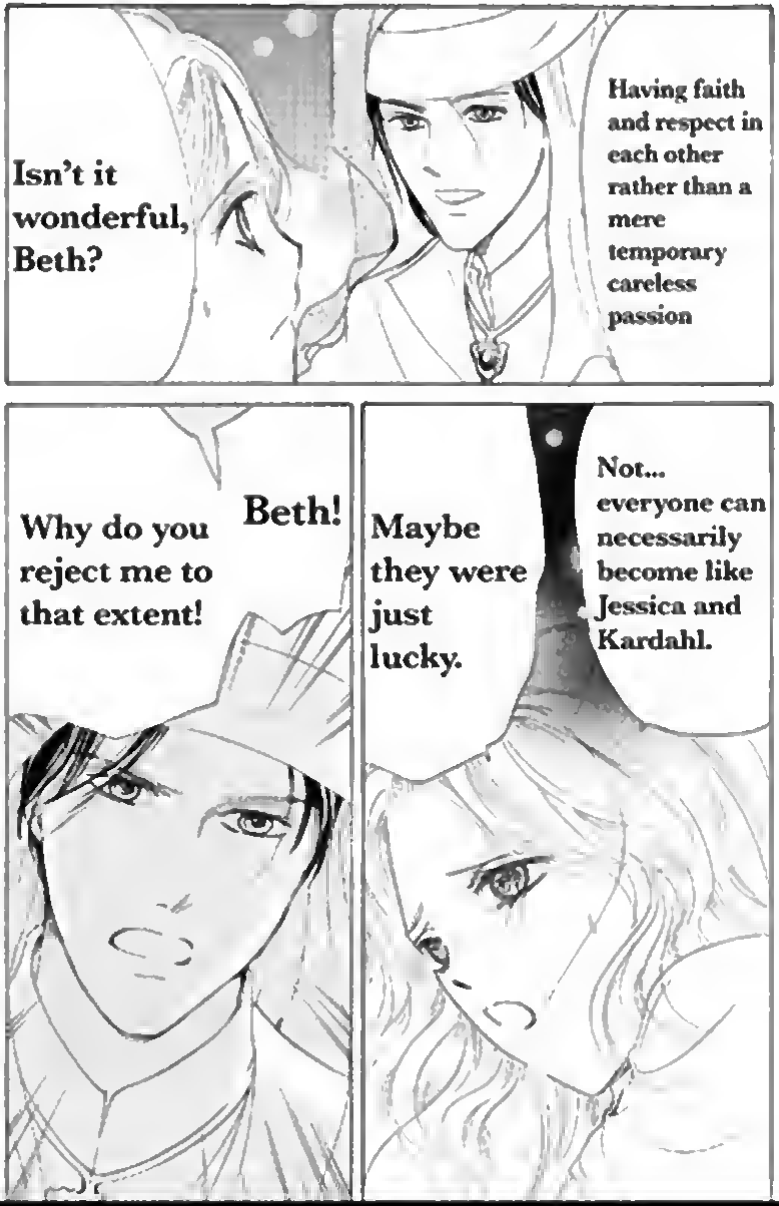
I heard that her marriage was a political one.
but she looks so full of happiness...
chatter
chatter
Beth isn't here...
clink


Before I knew it, I can't feel at ease without her by my side.
Those radiant eyes.
The curve underneath her dress that makes me want to hug her.
I wouldn't get burned by the passion of a hopeless love
I thought...
sounds of waves
Beth?


Malik
;thump
Am I...
in love
with Beth?


Yes...
I agree.
But...
I couldn't help my eyes constantly wandering to you.
It was a wonderful ceremony. The bride, Jessica, was beyond beautiful!
Excuse me. I was cooling myself off from the fever of the splendor.
It's a long story, but the initial marriage was done by their proxies.
I heard that those two had been married already. Why are they having the ceremony after all this while?
and wished for everyone to witness their pledge of love.
Yet, the two learnt to love each other from their heart

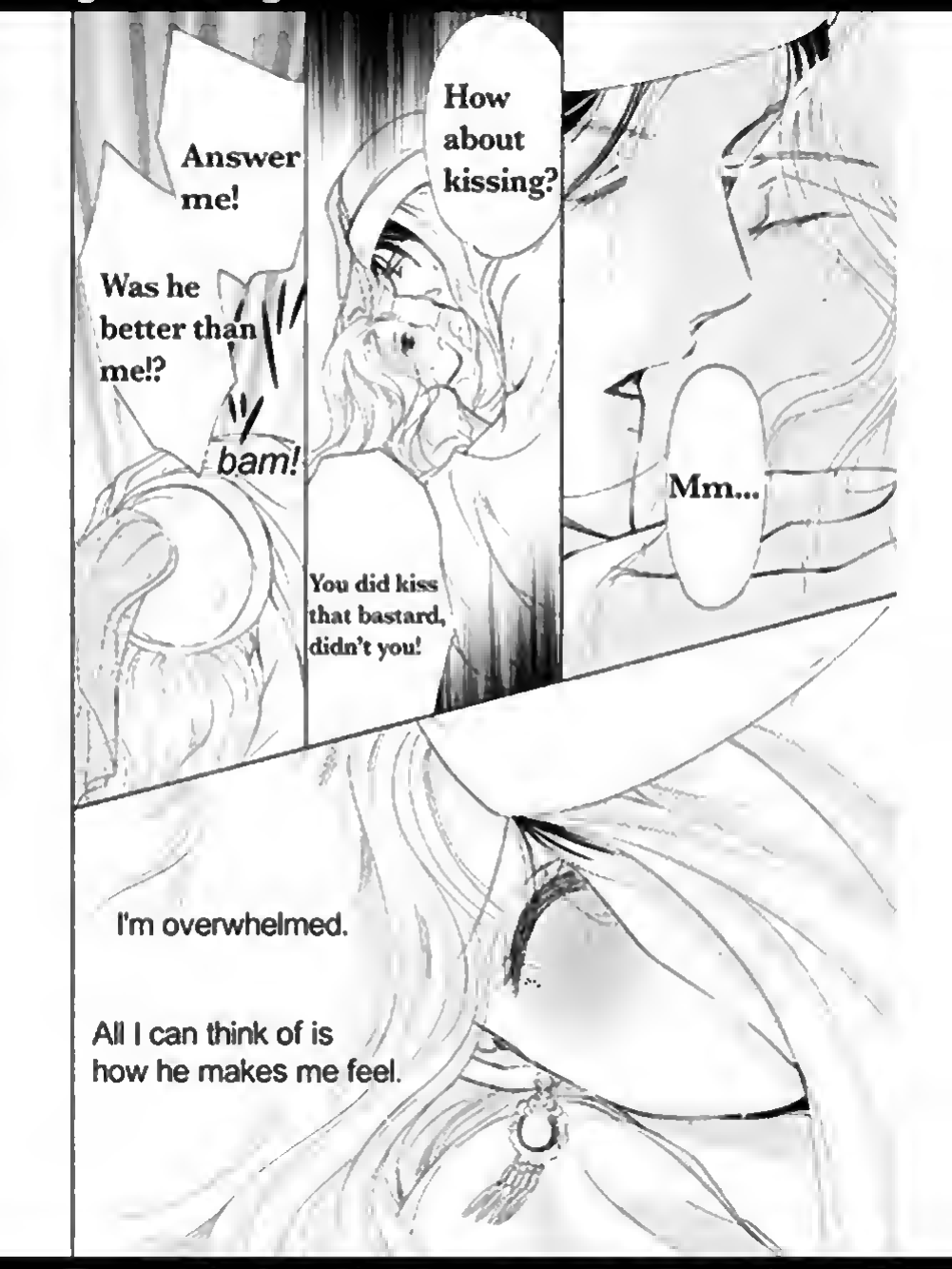
"This is not e marriage ordered by our perents."
"Fate brought us to together."
Jessica told me once:
"Had he not been a sheikh, hed he been poor, I would have loved him all the same."
I wish I could experience such feelings.
I never knew such a love truly existed...
Having a more sensible person choose our life partner, and spending steady time with that person...
Don't you think their story shows how good a traditional marriage can be?


Isn't it wonderful, Beth?
Having faith and respect in each other rather than a mere temporary careless passion
Beth!
Why do you reject me to that extent!
Maybe they were just lucky.
Not... everyone can necessarily become like Jessica and Kardahl.

by his sensual male scent.
I'm falling into raptures
That can't possibly be true...
slam!
Am I that unattractive!?
I was deceived by a shameful man!
Then why won't you accept me!
He is too attractive... to the point of danger!
I...

Would you agree to be my mistress even after I get married?
Beth... I still do love you.
As if that wasn't enough
I thought he was dating me, but he married another woman out of the blue.
It's a common practice for a man in a powerful position like myself.
What are you getting angry about?
That is why you detest men with a high status.
I see.
.....
There are special rights and rules that only those with power can live by.

I don't know if you will believe me, but...
sound of waves
.....
I only gave him my heart. I never lay with him.
You dated other people nevertheless?
Although, you are supposed to be my fiancée, are you not?
The truth is not necessarily comforting, but it's much better than lies...
Yes, I will believe you. Honesty is your virtue after all.
There must be a punishment...
Yet...
slip


Answer me!
Was he better than me!?
bam!
How about kissing?
You did kiss that bastard, didn't you!
Mm...
I'm overwhelmed.
All I can think of is how he makes me feel.

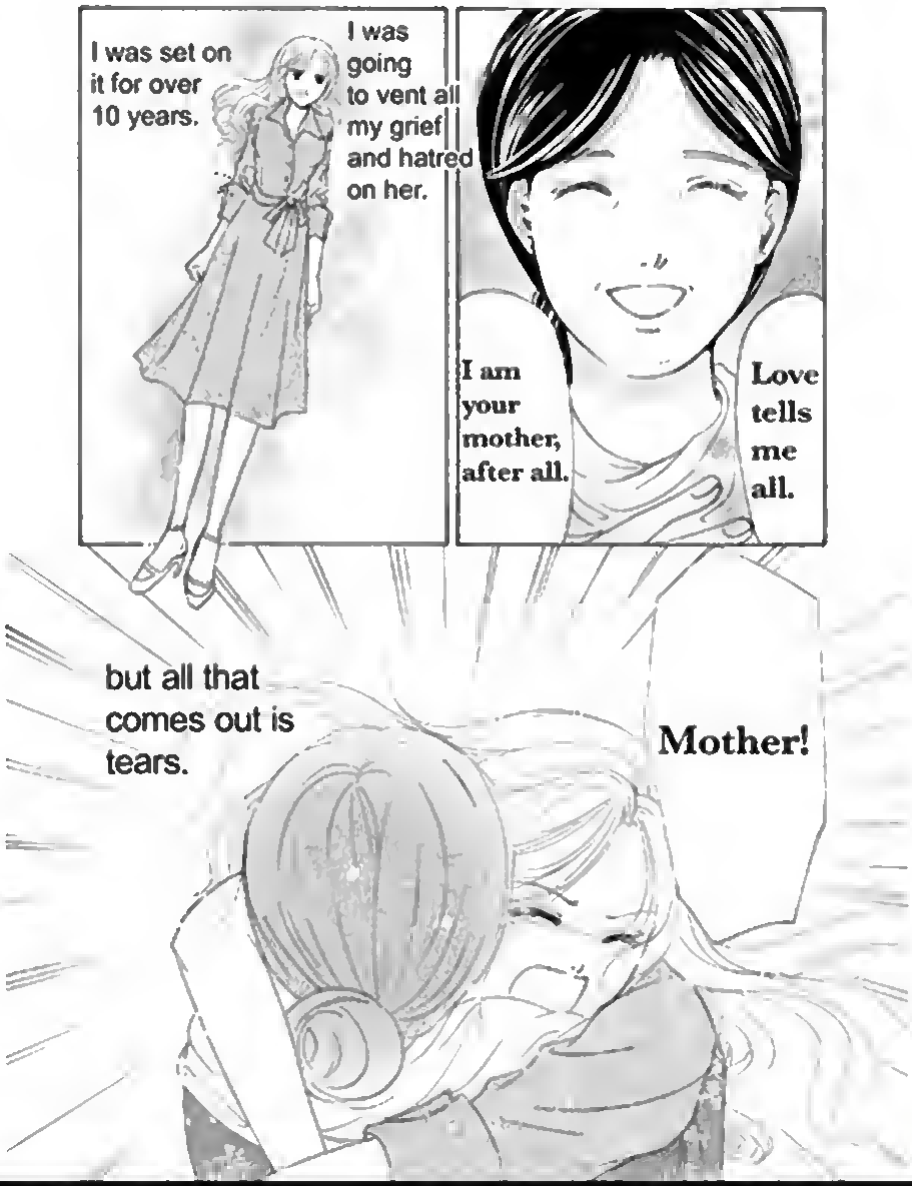
but my heart is hopelessly filled with you!
I was supposed to be seeking a peaceful relationship
I can't believe that I'm this angry...

I desire you.
Beth...
I can't!!
But...
I'm not...
panting
Forgive me Malik!
dash!
Malik...

Beth!!
I wonder if he's still mad at me from yesterday...

To fulfill my promise.
I found your mother.
Where on earth are we going?
A lady with some gray hair was standing by the porch.
A square, white house.

How long has it been...?
Your mother is waiting for you.
Beth
You must be Beth...
The woman who left us
How... could you tell I'm Beth... so easily?
We've been apart for so many years...


I was set on it for over 10 years.
I was going to vent all my grief and hatred on her.
I am your mother, after all.
Love tells me all.
but all that comes out is tears.
Mother!

A thoughtful arrangement...
Malik, I don't know how I could thank you. enough.
I will send another car for you later.
Enjoy the time between mother and daughter without any bother.
Some time just between us would be a good return.
Alright...

and get to know him more.
I... also want to spend time with him...
...now, you will explain to me why you are here instead of Addie, my child?
Beth, it must be hot out here. Come inside.
Where are you?
You won't believe it! I'm with mother now, and...
Addie! Is it you!?
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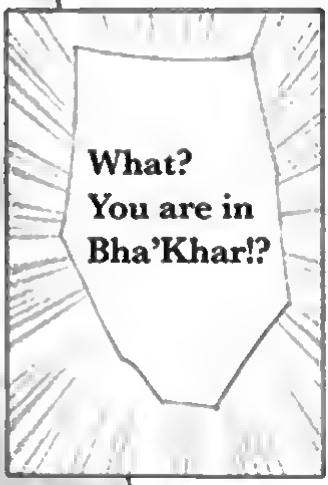
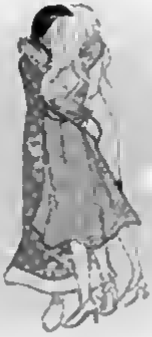
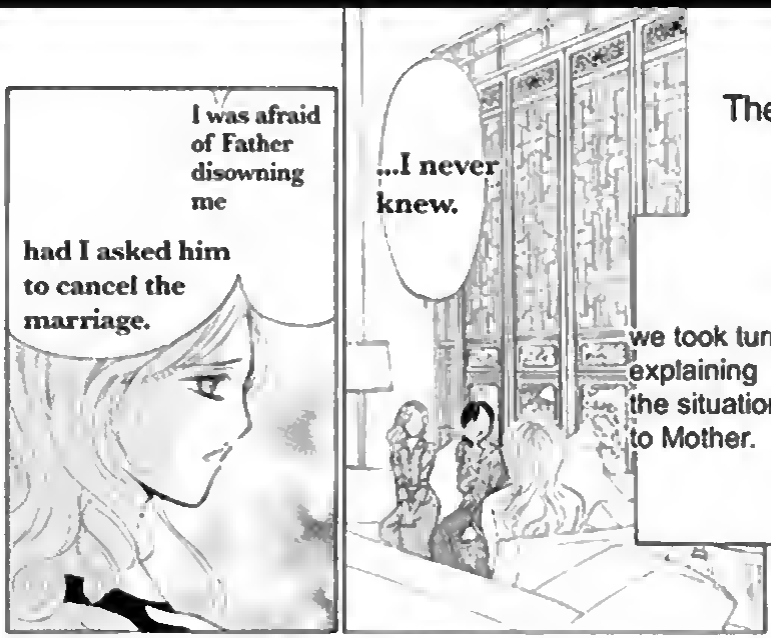
Mother...



more than 10 years overdue.

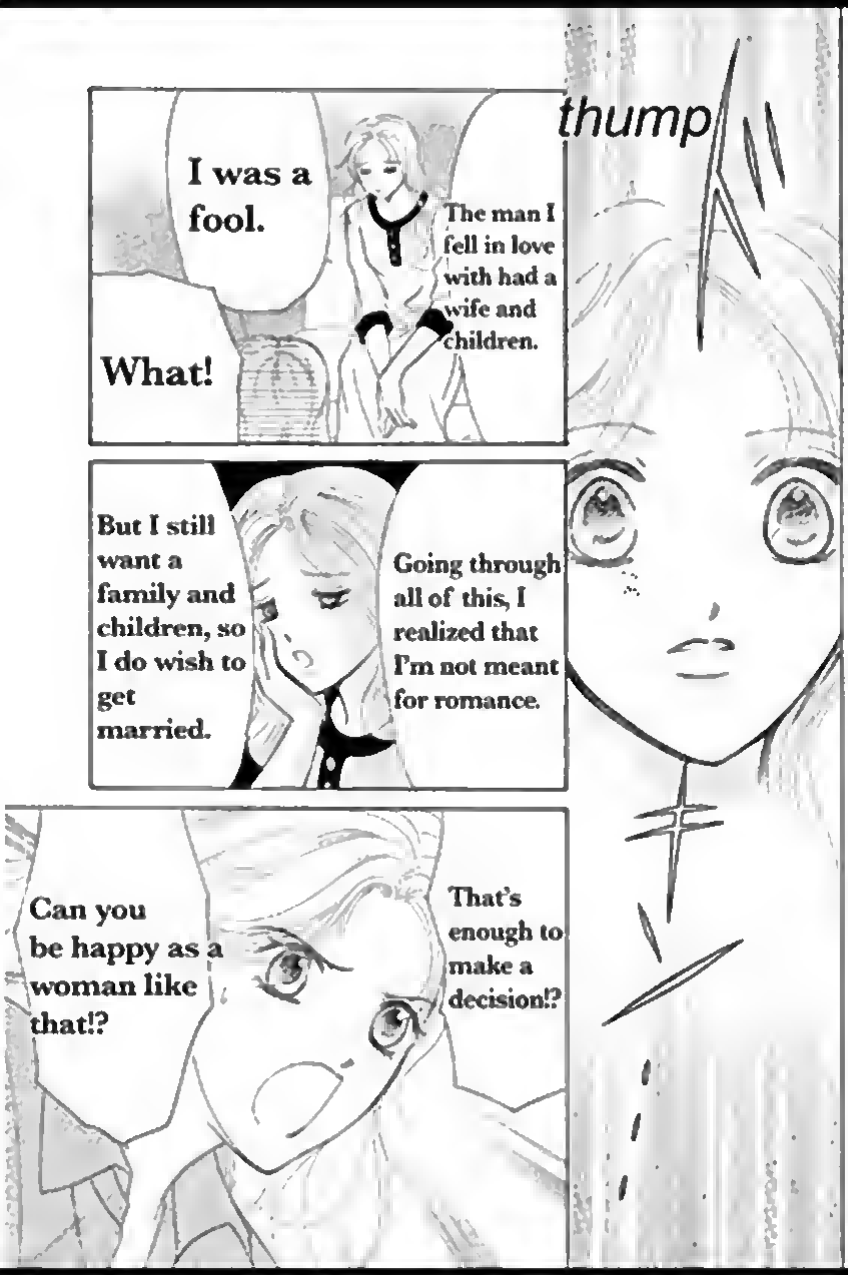
It was a reunion of mother and two daughters



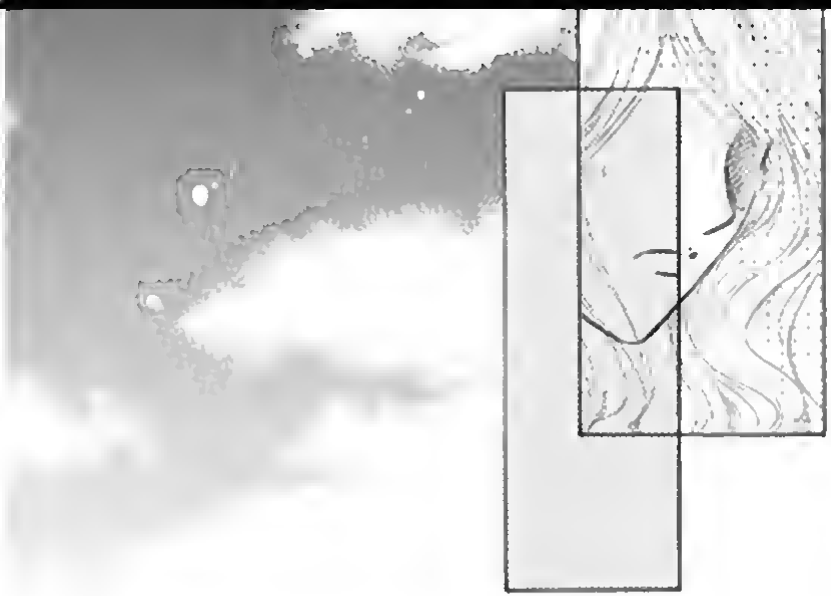

I was afraid of Father disowning me
had I asked him to cancel the marriage.
...I never knew.
Then
we took turns explaining the situation to Mother.
but then again, there's no wonder what he does...
He can't possibly disown his own daughter.
...that's what I wish to say...
Letters!? What letters!!
I wrote to you numerous times. Have you never read the letters?
Why did you leave us with such a person?

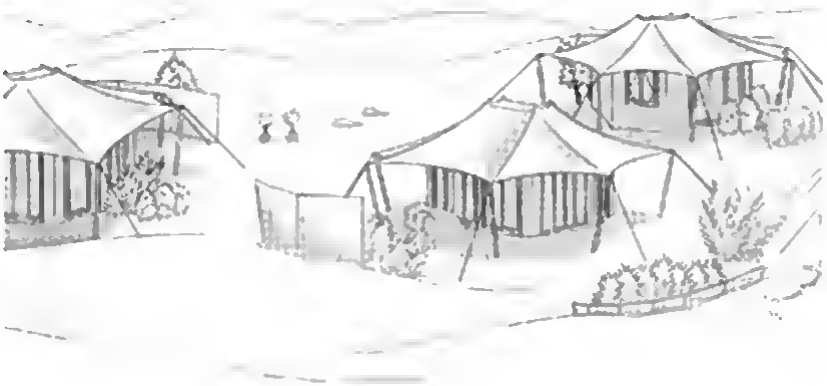
Father's mind was occupied with making his daughter the wife of the Crown Prince.
I won't give up my daughters!
Divorce!?
We aren't breaking up. He married you
only because you had the royal blood!
The truth revealed by Mother, was that the divorce had resulted from Father's love affair.
That would be like him
No matter how many times I called or wrote, he ignored me.
Resorting to extreme measures, he took you two back to the U.S.
It must be father!
We didn't write such a letter!
We hate you mother.
Don't trouble us by writing us letters anymore.
The letter that finally came
Addie...
Beth...

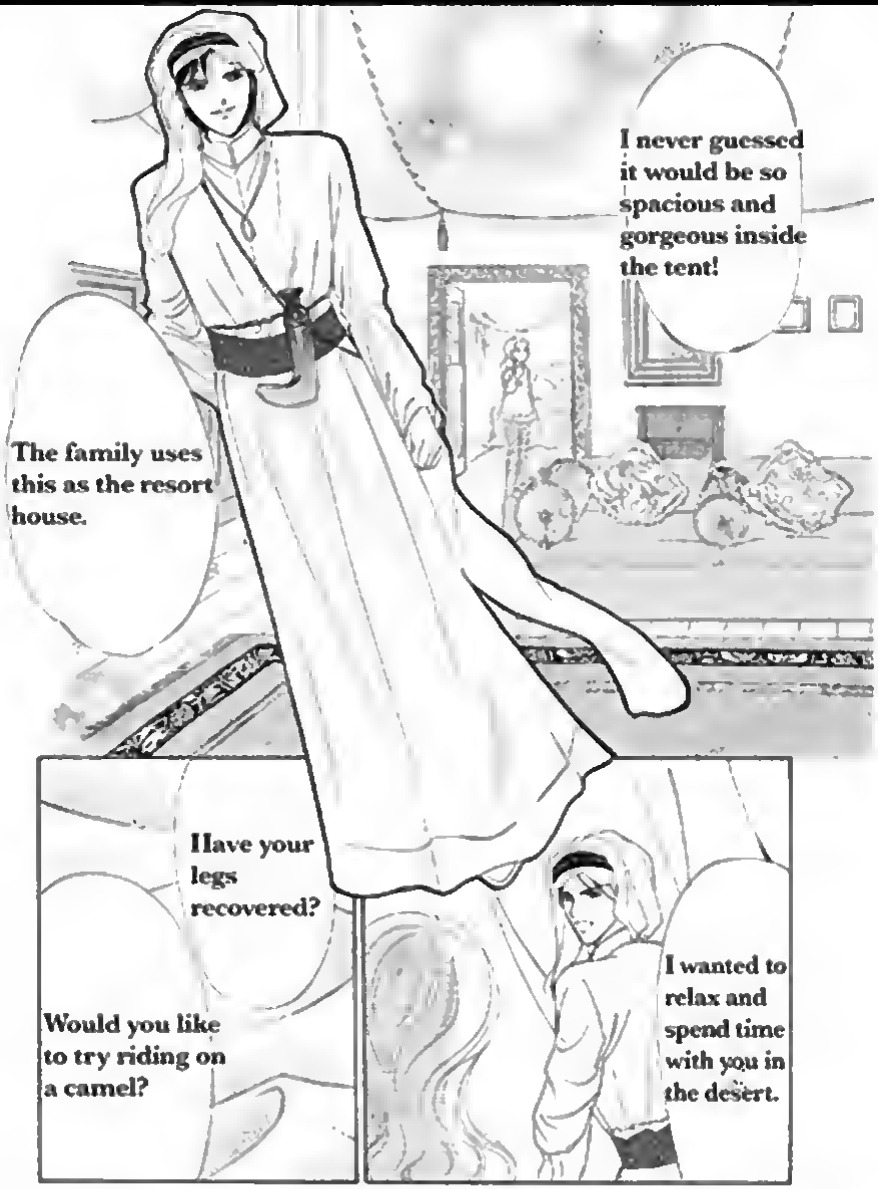
Women who can manage to become a life partner to such men must be capable of controlling this
or pretending not to see anything...
The strength of a man's desire for power can't be limited.
Addie! Let's make it clear with Father!
Let's tell him that he can't use his daughters for his own ambitions!
Unfortunately, I was capable of neither of the two.
It's not your fault, Mother!
I...
I came to this country to marry the crown prince.
can't... do that.


I was a fool.
What!
The man I fell in love with had a wife and children.
thump
But I still want a family and children, so I do wish to get married.
Going through all of this, I realized that I'm not meant for romance.
Can you be happy as a woman like that!?
That's enough to make a decision!?

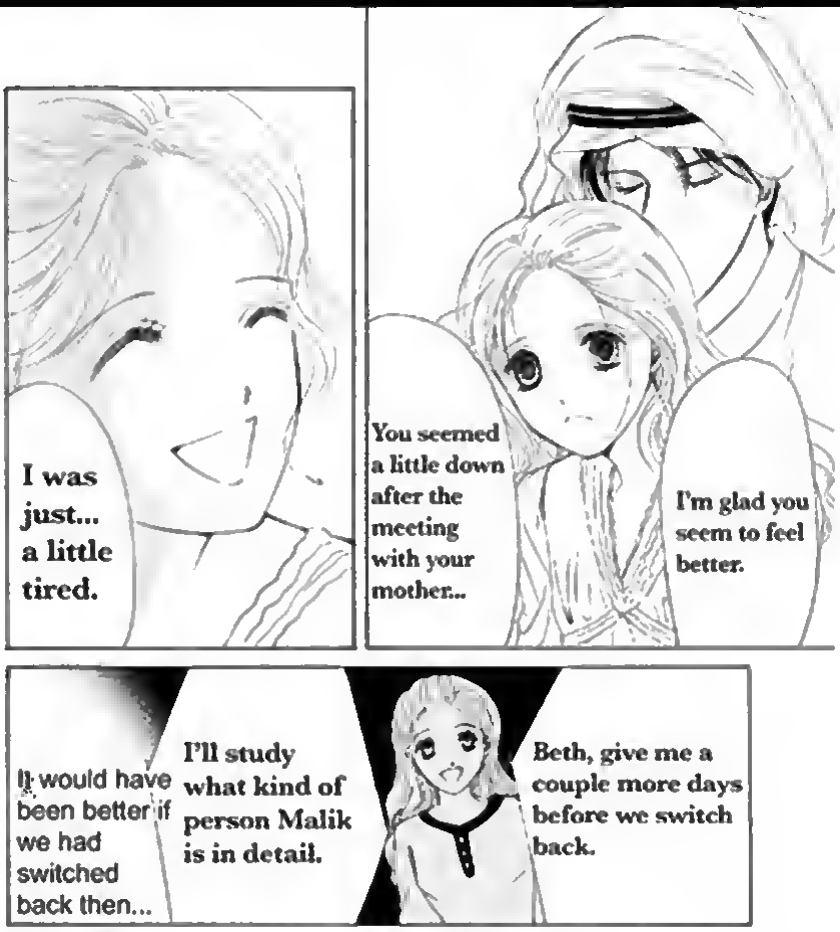
No...
No, he is worthy of respect...
I'm the nasty one here
Is the crown prince a nasty person?
Then... If I'm lucky, we might learn to like each other.
After all, I was educated to become a queen so I think I can be of use to the country.
Father is not perfect, but then again, he is my only father.
Marrying him as scheduled seems to be the best solution.
My words came out not for the sake of Addie
but to stop her marrying Malik for the sake of myself...






I never guessed it would be so spacious and gorgeous inside the tent!
The family uses this as the resort house.
Have your legs recovered?
Would you like to try riding on a camel?
I wanted to relax and spend time with you in the desert.

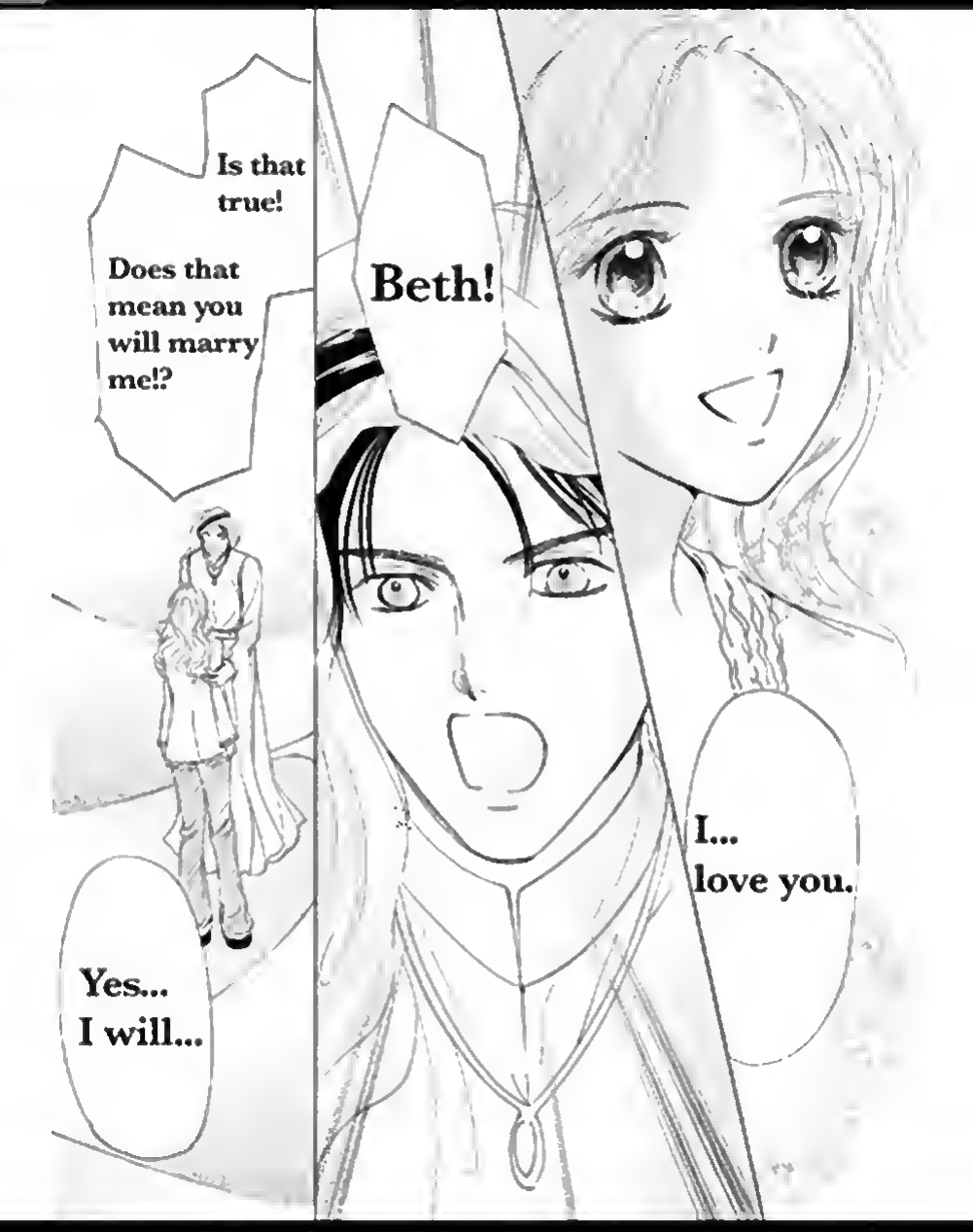
On a camel!
Yes of course!
Wow!!
It's as though I can see across the whole world!
It's so high up here!


I was just... a little tired.
You seemed a little down after the meeting with your mother...
I'm glad you seem to feel better.
It would have been better if we had switched back then...
I'll study what kind of person Malik is in detail.
Beth, give me a couple more days before we switch back.

I wanted to stay with Malik even if only for a little while longer...

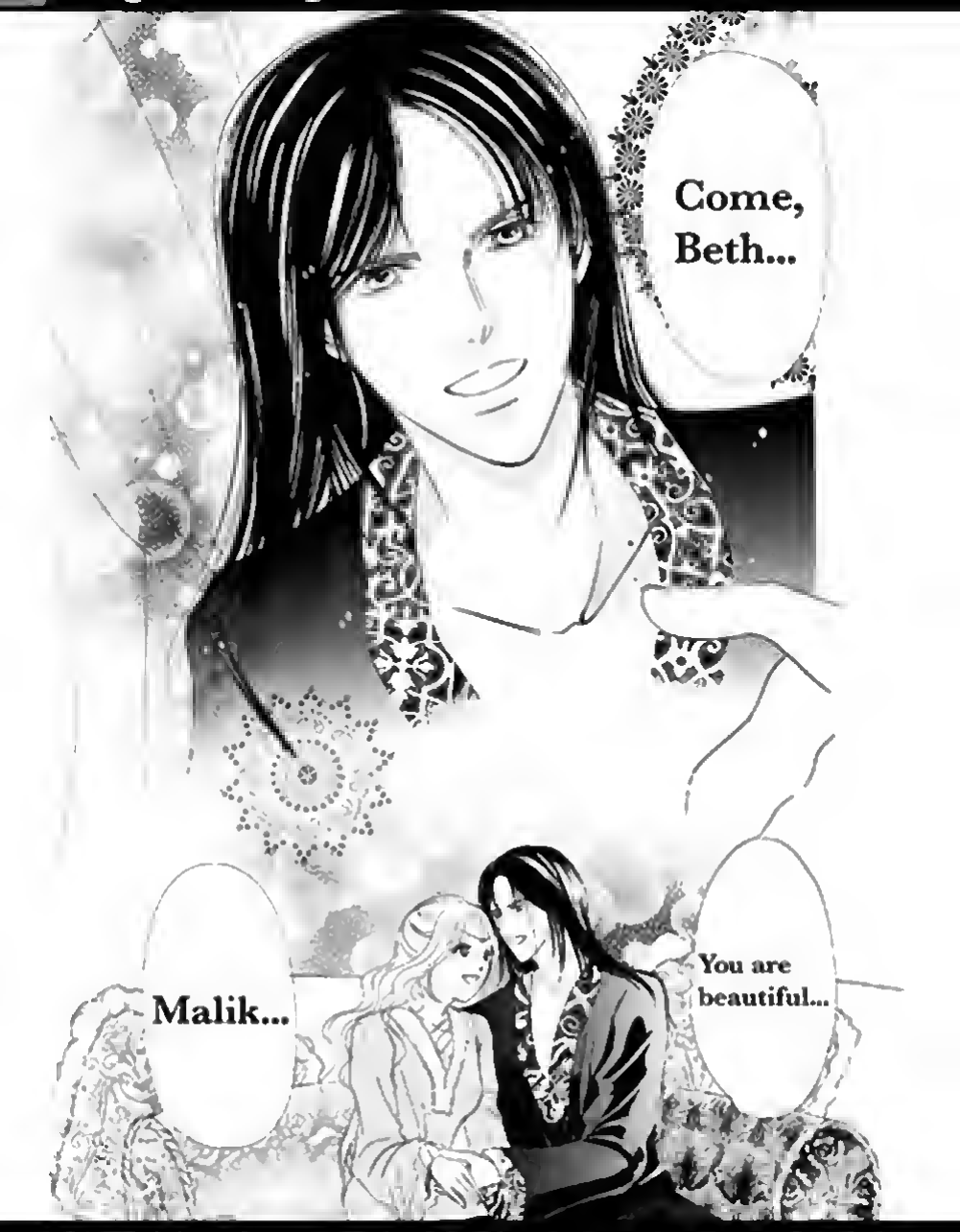
But I couldn't get the words out of my mouth.

I have to fulfill my final role as a proxy...
Beth, tell the crown prince that I accept the marriage.
Have you been worrying about me all this while?
Malik... Such a kind person...
Everything will go fine if we switch after that.


Is that true!
Does that mean you will marry me!?
Yes... I will...
Beth!
I... love you.

I love you...!!
Oh...
My dear Beth...
without any pretense
True words from *Beth*...

You look just as gorgeous in a traditional Bha'Khar style dress, Beth.


Come, Beth...
Malik...
You are beautiful...

This night...
This only night...
I want to make love with him
Just... for one time...
I never thought I would be able to... love someone like this again.
You must be capable of working magic, Beth...
I feel fulfilled just by being with you like this.

.....
That reminds me, you told me you couldn't believe in love, either.
What happened?
I shall tell you the story of a scammer who betrayed me!!
I suppose it's not fair if I keep silent when you told your story.
Alright then.
The eyes of anger

We ran into each other numerous times" by accident".

We began having conversations.

She was a beautiful staff member of the office.

Like you, I also fell in love with someone else regardless of having a fiancée.

I thought she was healing my heart.

She was talented in listening to others talk. She listened to me talk of things like the stress I feel from being of royal blood.

that she was a journalist who cleverly disguised herself to get close to me!

But the truth turned out to be

to write an article titled, "Sheikh's SEX, the story of the Crown Prince and I"!

But his majesty was enraged and my private life became a complete mess.

The article was scrapped just before it came out

It's unforgivable that she deceived someone for money.

The fault is on the woman's side!

I was ashamed of my stupidity...

I agreed to a traditional marriage so I wouldn't disappoint his majesty anymore.

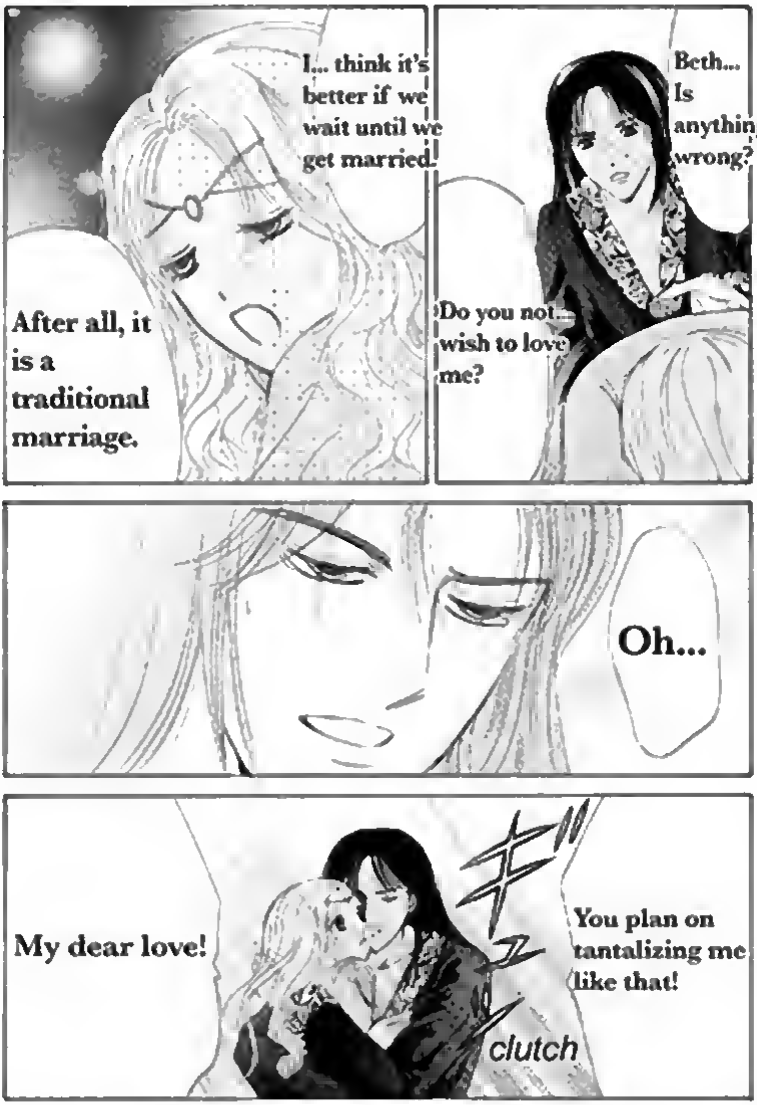
Unforgivable to deceive one for money?

Is...
Is what I'm doing right now...
the same as what she did...?
How could there be any rightful reason to deceive someone!

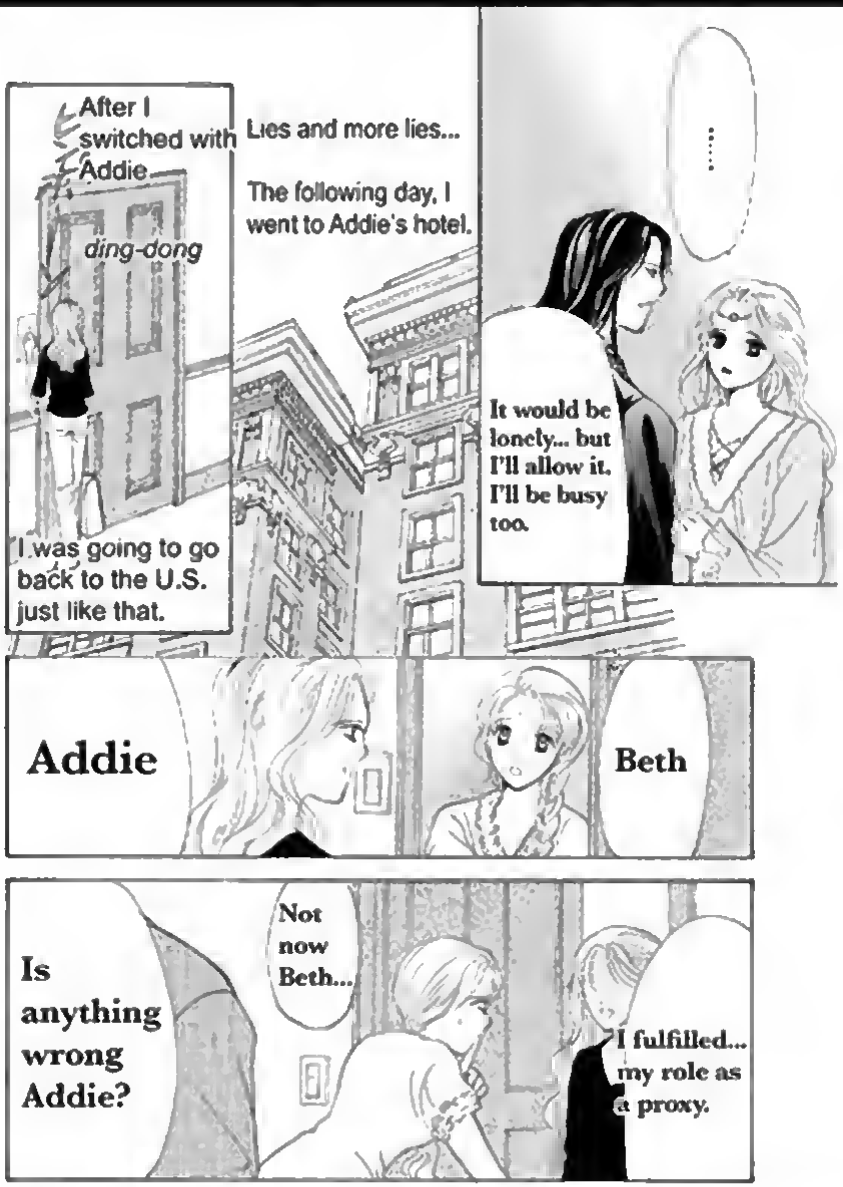
I was unable to believe in women and love.
It's just a small incident in the past, but it has been haunting me since then.
pat
Your beauty... Your honest purity
I can believe in all of these.
You... Cured me...!

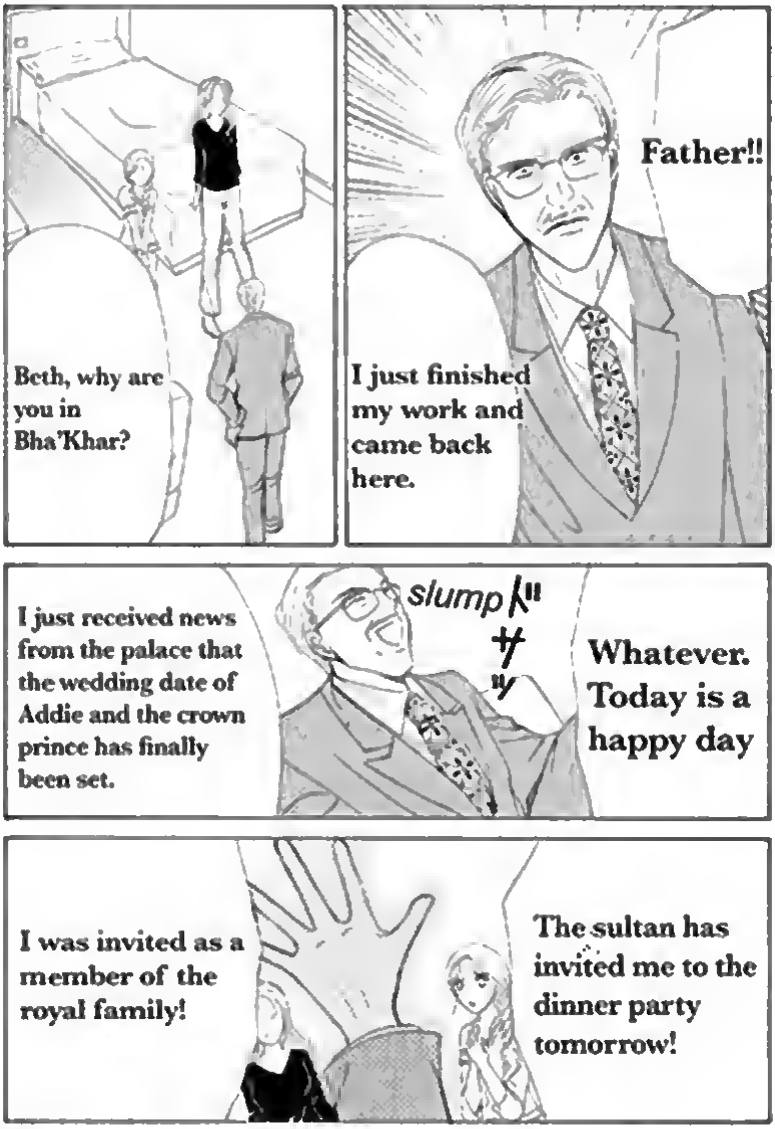
Beth,
I'm in love
with you...
jerk

I can't...
deceive Malik
anymore
I have no right
to make love
with him!!


I... think it's better if we wait until we get married.
After all, it is a traditional marriage.
Beth... Is anything wrong?
Do you not... wish to love me?
Oh...
My dear love!
You plan on tantalizing me like that!
clutch

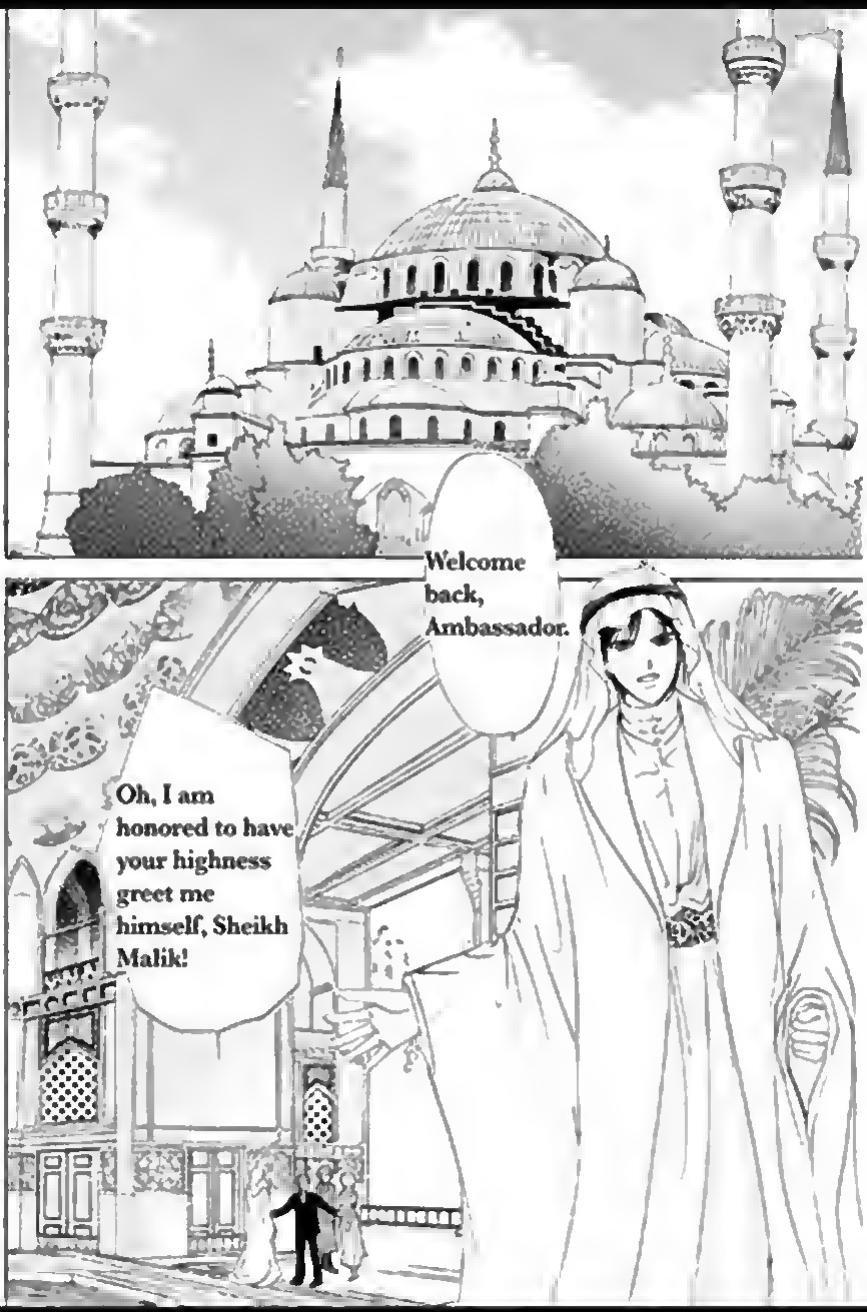
We're going back! Get the helicopter ready!
Right... right now!?
Fine then!
We shall return to the palace this moment and have the ceremony arranged for!
I have a favor to ask you...
.....
Could I... leave the palace once? I got an email telling me that my twin Alina has come to Bha'Khar to see mother.
Yes. Let's get married as soon as possible.
Then I wish... to hold you.


After I switched with Addie
ding-dong
I was going to go back to the U.S. just like that.
Lies and more lies...
The following day, I went to Addie's hotel.
.....
It would be lonely... but I'll allow it. I'll be busy too.
Addie
Beth
Is anything wrong Addie?
Not now Beth...
I fulfilled... my role as a proxy.


Beth, why are you in Bha'Khar?
Father!!
I just finished my work and came back here.
I just received news from the palace that the wedding date of Addie and the crown prince has finally been set.
slump
Whatever. Today is a happy day
I was invited as a member of the royal family!
The sultan has invited me to the dinner party tomorrow!

It's Malik
He knew Addie's twin was here, so he must have arranged it.
But... why did his majesty even send an invitation to Beth?
I know.
but thoroughly make sure that you don't become a nuisance.
It would be rude to reject so you should attend,
I'll need to see Malik... as the younger sister of his fiancée.
I couldn't run away... Is this my punishment?

What is with that plain outfit, Beth
I think it's quite proper.
Addie, let's go
Going against my wish and becoming a teacher... that's how you lose your feminine side!
You are truly worthy of becoming a queen. I'm so proud of you my child!
Oh! How beautiful, Addie!
It's frightening...
But it's something that must be done one day or another.


Welcome back, Ambassador.
Oh, I am honored to have your highness greet me himself, Sheikh Malik!

I've also taught her how we refer to each other.
The same make-up and hair style as myself.
No one will be able to tell that we have switched.
Of course. No one has ever been able to distinguish between us other than Mother.
Thank you for the dress, Malik.
...?
Malik...

Who are you?
He noticed!
Beth?
Why did you let someone else wear the dress that I gave to you?
Just in one glance!

Her younger twin sister, Alina Bethia is at her left.
The one to my right is your fiancée
Your fiancée, Addie, is the one who received the dress.
Your... your highness, you must be confused by the twins.
She is no other than this girl.
What are you talking about!
You are definitely the one with whom I spent the past couple of days!
What is this!?

jerk
Is this some kind of a joke!?
Beth! Are you behind all this!?
Addie! Beth! What is going on!?
Forgive us!!
weep
Malik!
You've always been like that! Always going against me...

I beg you! Let us have a talk alone!

I confessed... everything to Malik...

Addie not wanting to get married, but not being able to go against Father....

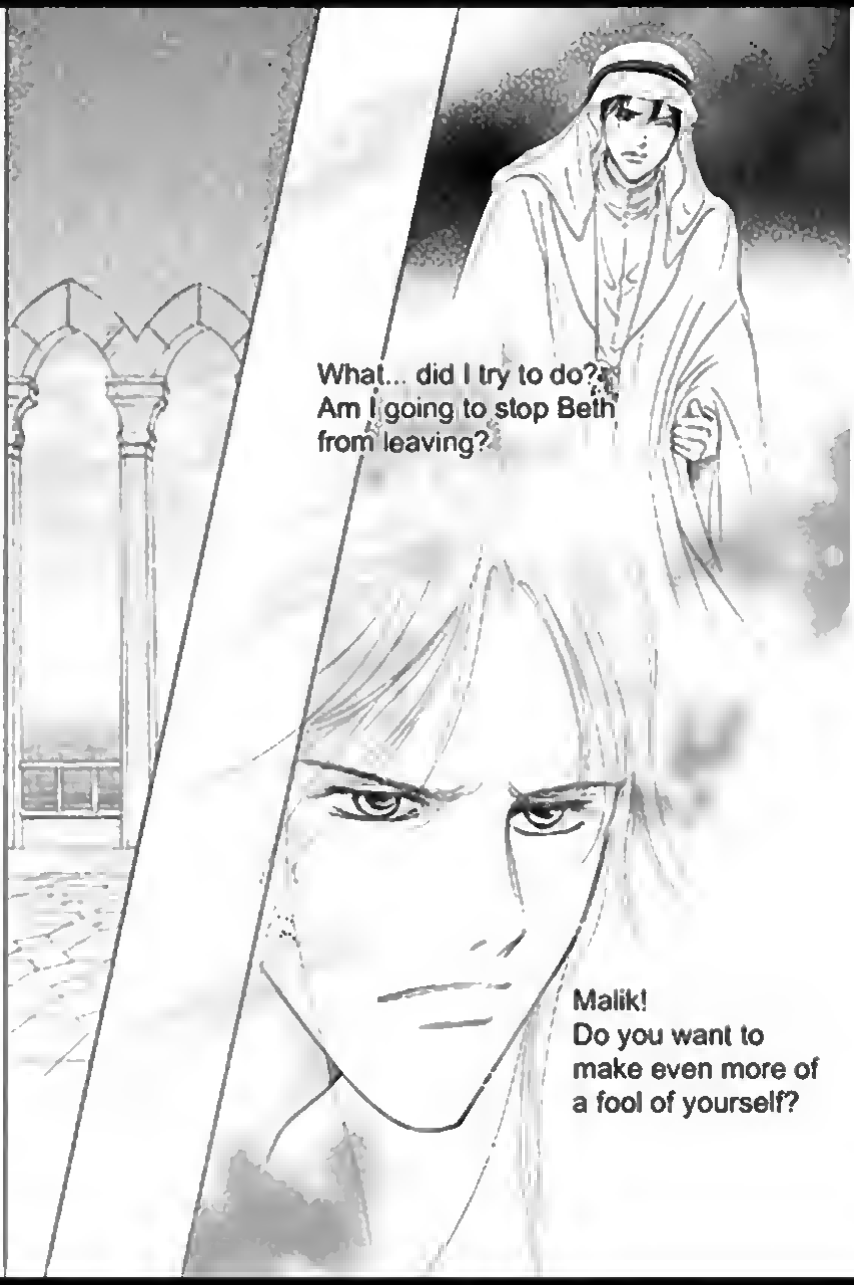
and us switching places...

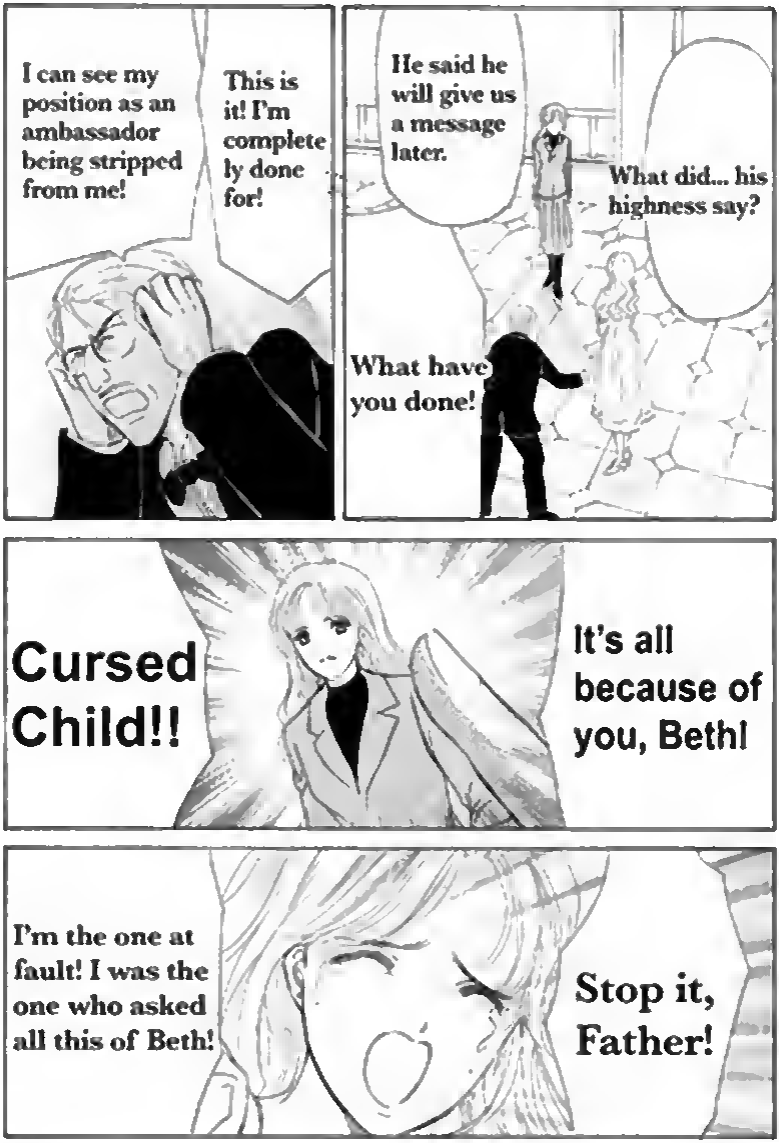
thump
It's all clear how much of a fool I am!
I see
Now it's all clear.
by the woman I love...
Once again, I was betrayed
What!!
Do you plan to deceive me even more!?
Malik!

I can't even give an excuse... Everything is my entire fault...
...No.
It's all because of me.
Please... don't punish Addie... my sister.
Are you trying to get me to pity you by pretending to be weak but noble?
The crime of deceiving the royal family
I will take all the punishments.

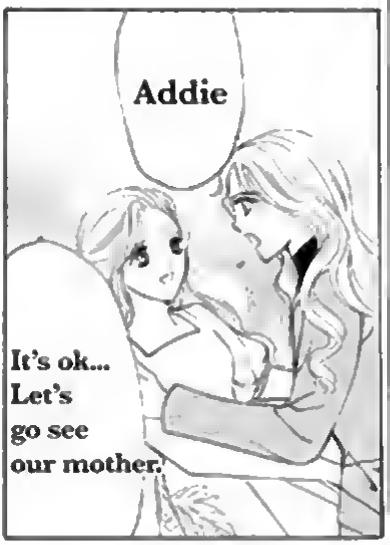
but it can't be helped... It's my fault.
Malik's heart seems so far away...
Yes...
Excuse yourself. I shall take care of this by and by.
clink
but I believe you have the keen and insightful eyes worthy of a king.
Malik... You called yourself a fool,

I was so pleased...
You are the first person ever to distinguish between Addie and me, besides Mother.
clank
Stands up


What... did I try to do?
Am I going to stop Beth from leaving?
Malik!
Do you want to make even more of a fool of yourself?

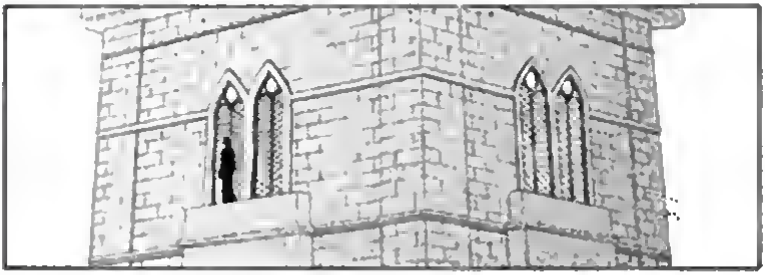

I can see my position as an ambassador being stripped from me!
This is it! I'm completely done for!
He said he will give us a message later.
What did... his highness say?
What have you done!
Cursed Child!!
It's all because of you, Beth!
I'm the one at fault! I was the one who asked all this of Beth!
Stop it, Father!

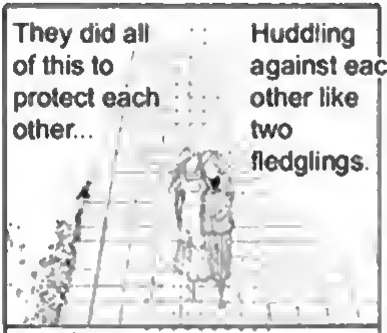
clutch
Don't blame Beth... She is my most precious other half.
You're only seeking the power of the royal family...not you're your own daughters' happiness!!
Is the daughter who's to become queen the only one you care for!?


Addie
It's ok... Let's go see our mother.

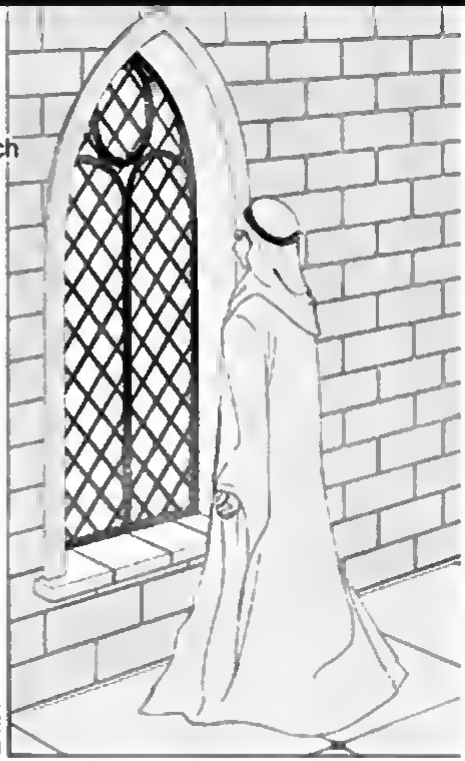
...do as you wish...

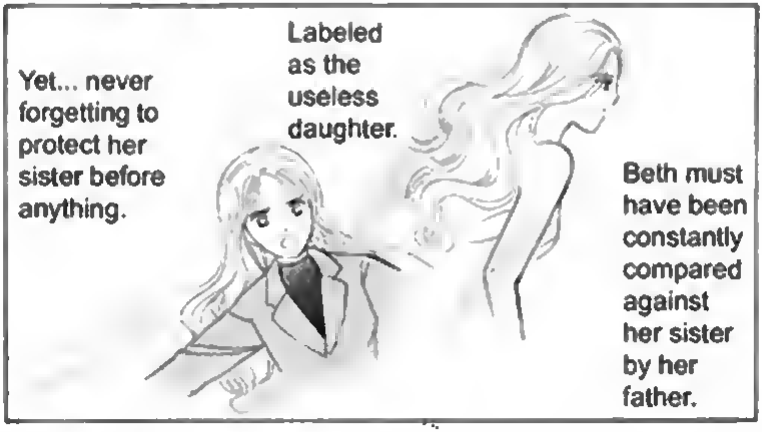
I'm so sorry Beth... I only make you suffer...




They did all of this to protect each other...
Huddling against each other like two fledglings.

was in fact, arrogant and inhumane.
Their father's attitude




Yet... never forgetting to protect her sister before anything.
Labeled as the useless daughter.
Beth must have been constantly compared against her sister by her father.

Why am I getting moved!
When this all might be just a part of their plan!!
What's the point of forgiving Beth and her sister?
And marry her sister, Addie as if nothing had happened!?
clench
I don't know what I should do...
A fool such as myself...

Kardahl
Jessica
clink
Malik
Taking a walk by yourselves?
You two are so close.
Please don't tease us.

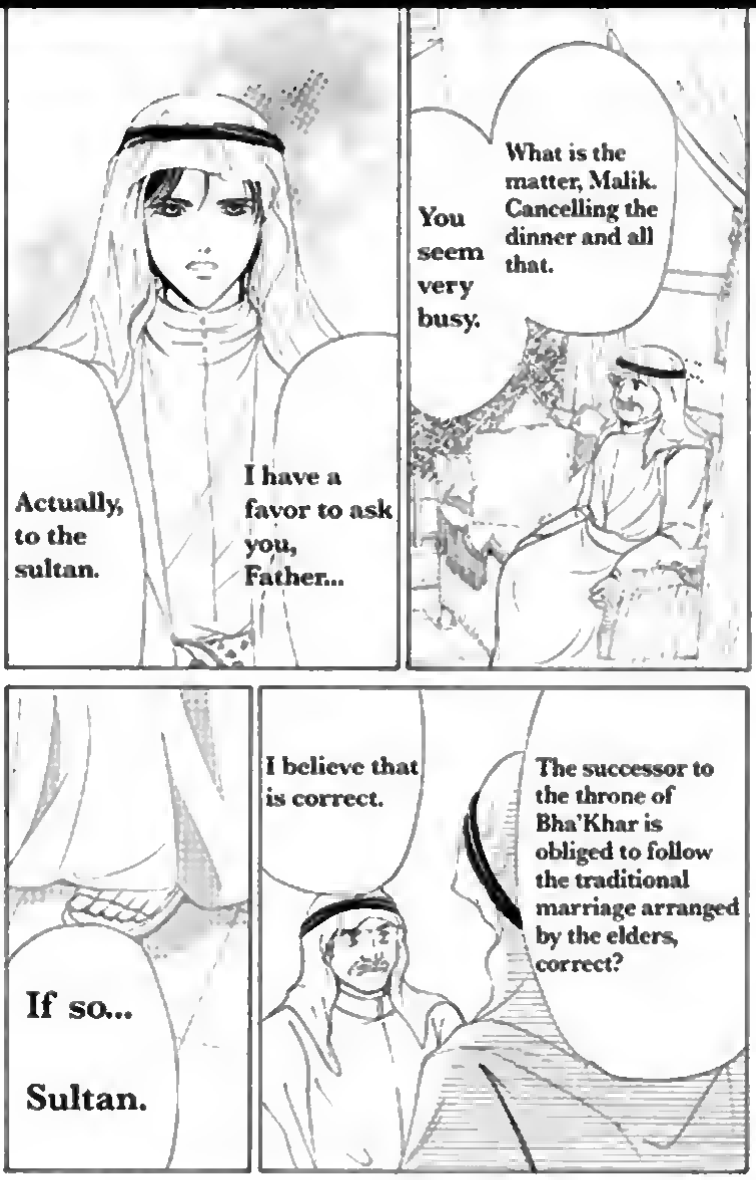
My!
You seem to truly trust and love each other from your heart.
Have you never feared being deceived again?
Sheikh Malik...
How did you learn to love and trust Kardahl?
Jessica... Once you could say you were deceived into coming to this country.

Of course, I regretted that I signed the marriage license as the proxy told me to.
I detested my foolishness.
You must... be concerned about something...
Everyone makes a mistake, but then again
there are times when we see through to the truth.
When you are lost, why not trust
the truth that you found yourself?

Jessica...
My " truth" was Kardahl's sincerity and love.
to distinguish between Addie and me.
You are the first person ever

Beth...
Are you my...
to distinguish between Addie and me.
Without any hesitation?

...Malik?
Thank you, both of you.
Polaris twinkling in the night of the desert?
Now I know which path to follow!


Actually, to the sultan.
I have a favor to ask you, Father...
You seem very busy.
What is the matter, Malik. Cancelling the dinner and all that.
If so...
Sultan.
I believe that is correct.
The successor to the throne of Bha'Khar is obliged to follow the traditional marriage arranged by the elders, correct?

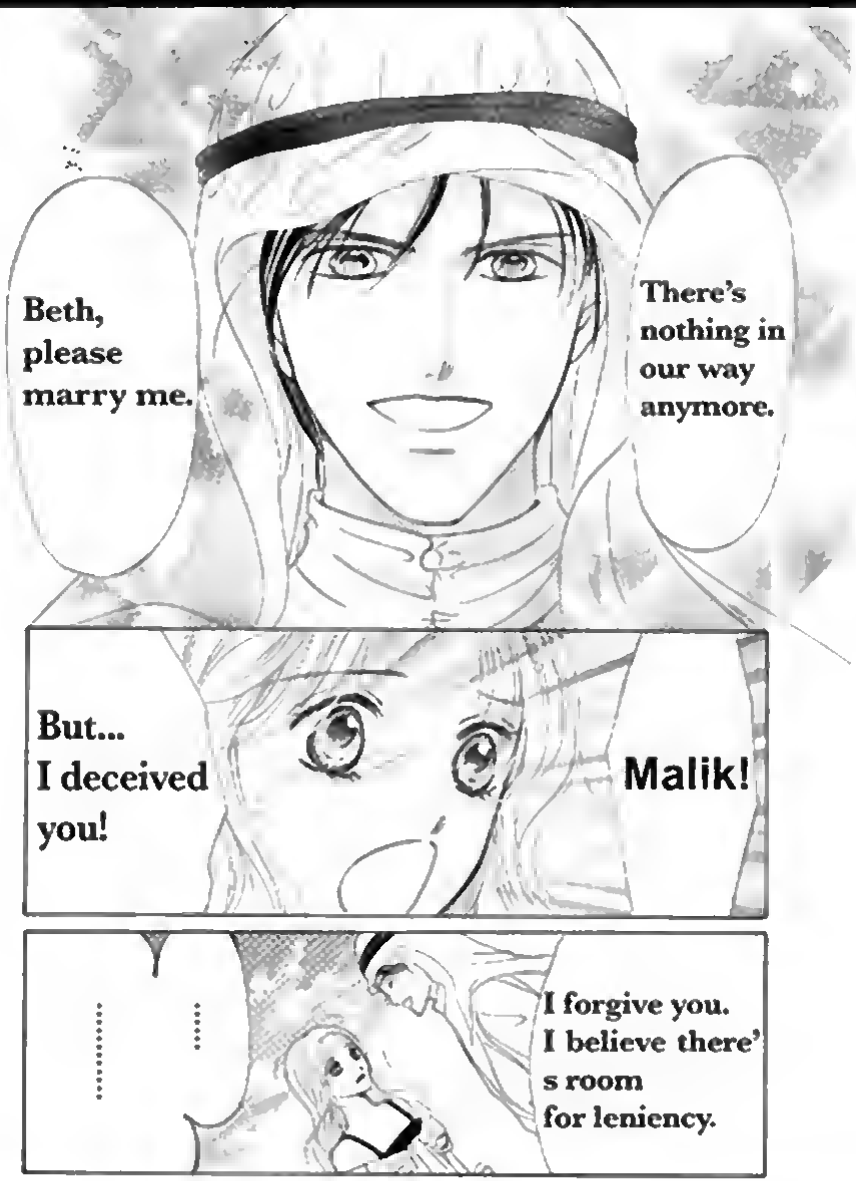
Malik...
What on earth...
I hereby renounce my right to the throne!

Beth, is there so much to worry about?
Would Malik really give us a horrible punishment?
We haven't heard from Malik yet...
Addie!!
After all, the crown prince is the man you fell in love with!
You both love each other from the heart.
I knew it when Malik could distinguish between us with just one glance.

!!
Breaking News.
Our sultan has released a message to us.
Even if that is so...
Maybe he loved me only because he thought I was his fiancée.
Nothing can be done. I'm not his fiancée.
My beloved people of Bha'Khar.
However... my country has become international. The birth of a new generation signaled me that the time to change the tradition has arrived.
It was the tradition for the heir to the throne to wed a woman chosen by his predecessor.
I allow the crown prince to choose whomever he wishes as his bride!
I hereby announce that starting from today,

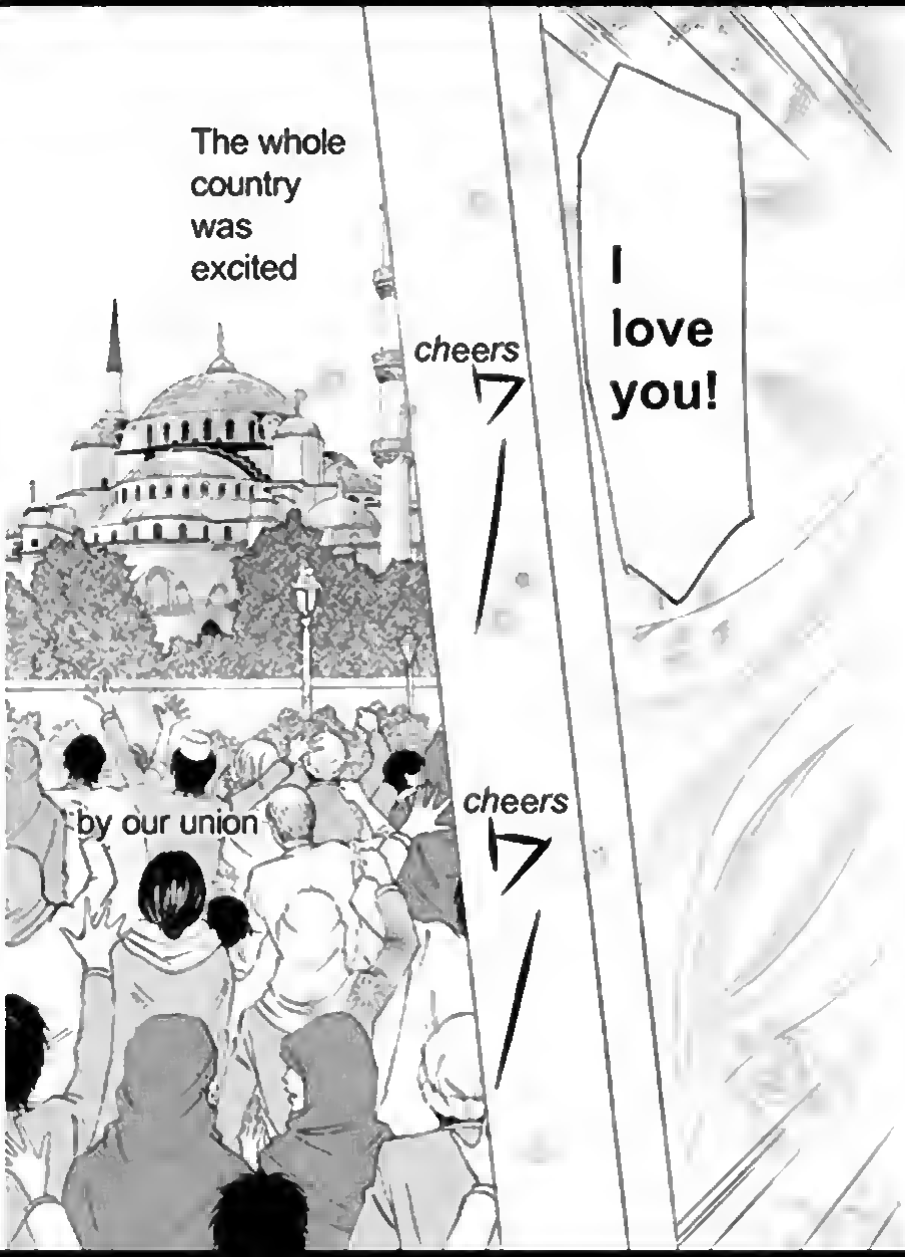
カチャ
clink
Someone is at the door.
カラーン
ding-dong
Beth,
I came to call for you.

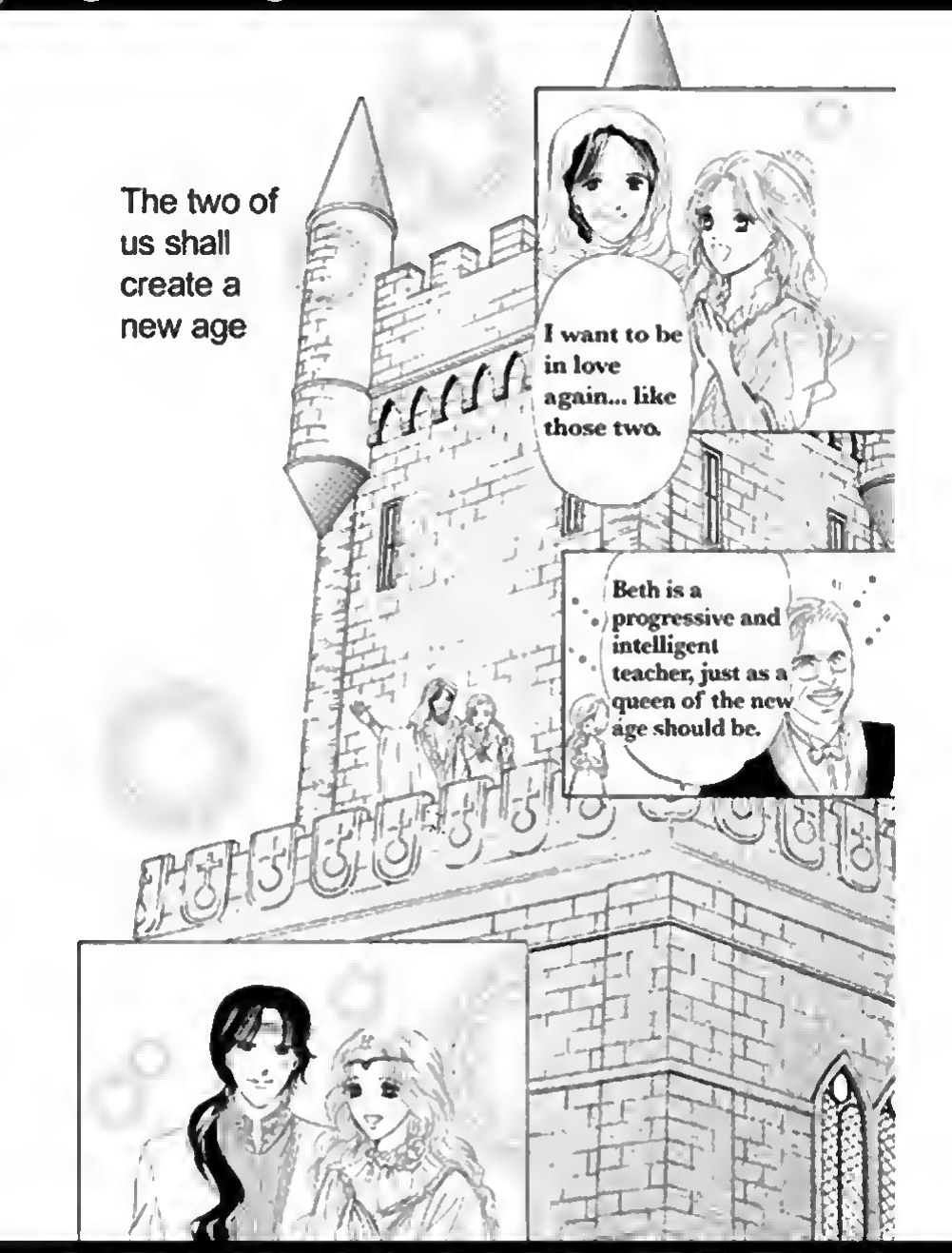
Yes... I did...
What... did you do?
Malik...
Did you hear the sultan's announcement?
I told his majesty that I would pass over my right to the throne to Kardahl if I couldn't marry you.
The sultan understood... and agreed to change the tradition.

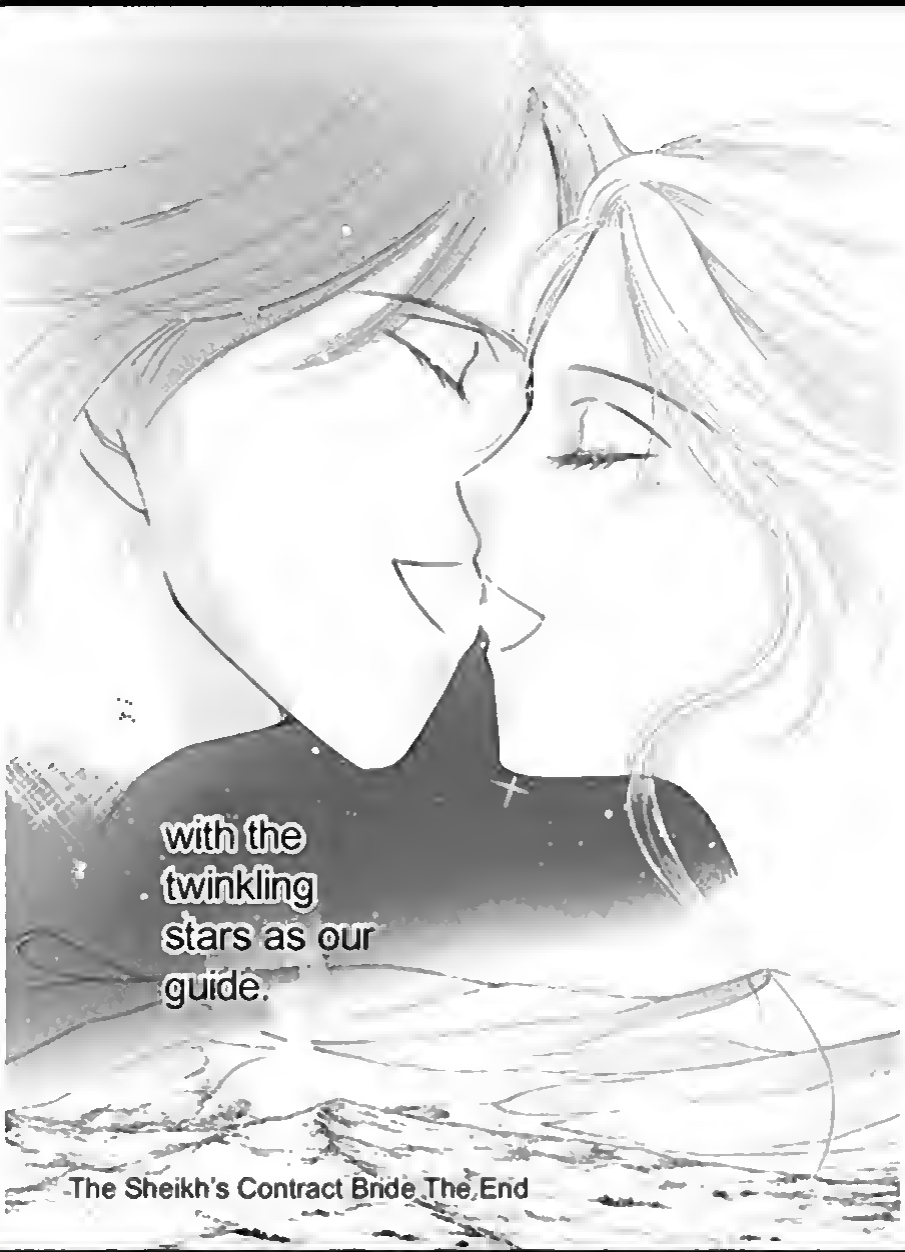

Beth, please marry me.
There's nothing in our way anymore.
But... I deceived you!
Malik!
.....
I forgive you. I believe there's room for leniency.

You shine in dignity...
Like the stars shining in the night sky.
You know that I'm not the obedient type?
Are you sure you're ok with me?
And I like that.
I know.
My Polar Star.
Would you guide me, a wanderer in the desert of love, to my oasis?

I...
I also...
wish to join you.. in the journey!


The whole country was excited
I love you!
cheers
cheers
by our union


The two of us shall create a new age
I want to be in love again... like those two.
Beth is a progressive and intelligent teacher, just as a queen of the new age should be.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